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ARE SENTENCED FOR CONTEMPT

Terms in Prison Ordered for Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and F. Morrison

BUCK STOVE CASE CAUSE

Labor Organizations Protest and Ask President's Intervention

Washington, Dec. 23.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, today for contempt of court in violating an order enjoining them from placing the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list the Buck Stove and Range Co., of St. Louis, Mo. All three of the defendants were in court when sentence was pronounced, and notice of an appeal to the court of appeals of the District of Columbia was at once filed, Mr. Gompers being released on \$5,000, Mr. Mitchell on \$4,000 and Mr. Morrison on \$3,000 bail.

In addition to the wife and daughter of President Gompers, there were present also a large number of labor leaders and others, who were attracted by the notice that a decision in the famous case would be announced today. Mr. Gompers' family were visibly affected. With tears coursing down his own cheeks, President Gompers heard the order of the court which condemned him to prison for a year. Both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison seemed stunned, although Mitchell appeared to be the less concerned.

Asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, President Gompers declared that he had not consciously violated any law.

The decision of Justice Wright, which consumed two hours and twenty minutes in reading, was one of the most scathing arraignments that ever came from the bench in this city. "Everywhere," the court said, "all over, within the court and out, either rampant or silent defiance is proclaimed. Unrefined insult and affront, vulgar indignity, measures the litigant's conception of the respect due the tribunal wherein his cause still pending."

Pardon Talked of

Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided, it was stated at the White House today. It was explained there that the President had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various labor organizations in protesting to the President against sentence urged him to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The Illinois Mine Workers sent this telegram, signed by President John B. Walker, the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 75,000 mine workers in Illinois we desire to protest against the decision committing to penal servitude those great commoners and representatives of the American labor movement, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. These men may be guilty of a breach of the law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions create only enmity and class hatred. We respect-

the property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of the upper basin of False Creek, lying between Heatley avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

fully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

Different Views
Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—James M. Beck of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Co., when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, while in this city today, said: "This case ought to be the death knell of the boycott. If so, it is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1906, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate traffic, while in the Buck stove case the insidious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

Boston, Dec. 23.—First Vice-President James Duncan of the American Federation of Labor said tonight: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the President could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. I think the decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard." Other local leaders, including President John F. Tobin, of the boot and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison will never serve their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding today's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—W. D. Ryan, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of which John Mitchell was president, when the alleged boycott resolution was acted upon at the miners' convention a year ago, sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in sending Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison to jail. I know of no law that has been violated by Gompers or Morrison in connection with the case in question and I am positive that Mitchell is absolutely innocent."

The testimony offered in court today intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach" and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council body had been "reached." In the passage of one ordinance alone, it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession today during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing today. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds "if the German National bank would do as other banks have done." A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers placed \$17,500 on a table in a room of the bank, and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the bank. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone. At the request of the directors both of the bank officials resigned last Saturday. They were held in bonds of \$14,000 each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and Members Klein, Sofield, Wasson, Melaney, and Ferguson, of the common council, and Atkinson, of the select board, were then called for hearing. The principal witness was R. A. Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the Voters' League of Pittsburg, which is that locality, provided the price is right.

Quietly and unobtrusively, E. A. Howard, of Chicago, who is said to be purchasing agent for an American transcontinental line, came here about a month ago, and since that time has not been idle in the real estate purchasing line. Equally quietly and unobtrusively he has purchased lot after lot, and in some cases whole blocks of waterfront on the north side of False Creek, above the Westminster avenue bridge, until when the last of the numerous deals were closed yesterday, Mr. Howard was able to deposit in the registry office the deeds for no fewer than ten blocks of waterfront property.

The property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of the upper basin of False Creek, lying between Heatley avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Immense Amount of Christmas Cheer to Be Distributed by Salvation Army

New York, Dec. 23.—A million and a half of men, women and children throughout the country, including 125,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 4,000 destitute New York children will be given toys suited to their ages on Xmas day from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contribution.

In Manhattan the dinners will be given out on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, where 4,000 thousand more such baskets will be tailling dinner enough for five. A thousand more such baskets will be distributed at the same time from the Army headquarters in Brooklyn.

Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after long illness, said today that her idea, and that of the Army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large 17-room house valued at \$20,000 at Irvington, N.J., which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown.

Another acquisition of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of \$95,000, of which \$40,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

To Be Party Whip.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that Dr. McGuire is likely to be the party whip, in succession to Thomas Taylor, who has been appointed minister.

No Cabs Run in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—All efforts to settle the strike of the cab drivers affiliated with the Liberty Dawn association failed today, and tonight New York is confronted with a prospect of a practically cableless holiday season.

Killed by Horse's Kick

Peterborough, Ont., Dec. 23.—Seventeen-year-old Arthur Hodder is dead as the result of a kick from a horse while he was playing in his father's poultry yard in Smith township.

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Large Bond Issue

New York, Dec. 22.—The board of directors of the Chesapeake Railway authorized an issue of \$37,000,000 five per cent bonds. Of this amount \$11,000,000 will be issued at once.

For Breaking Quarantine

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—William Mahoney and Roselle McCarthy, both residents of Chatham, broke diphtheria quarantine two weeks ago and got married. This morning each was fined \$40, and not having the money, they were sent to jail.

Election Petitions Dismissed

St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—Judge McLeod this afternoon dismissed the election protests against four New Brunswick members of the Commons. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Dr. Daniel, Mr. Crockett and Mr. McAllister, because the petitions were filed too late. He ordered the deposits to be returned to the petitioners.

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CHILDREN ENJOY A CHRISTMAS TREAT

Annual Entertainment of St. Andrew's Sunday School Great Success

The children attending the St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, were entertained at tea last evening in the lecture room; the younger at 5 o'clock and the older at 6 o'clock, while later in the evening the upper room was thronged with the children, their parents and friends, when a couple of hours were spent in very pleasant fashion. The pastor, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, opened the proceedings with a few appropriate and seasonable remarks, warmly welcoming the children upon this recurrence of the annual festival, and congratulating them upon the happy results which had attended upon the labors of the past year. He wished them all, both parents and Sunday School teachers, as well as the children, a most Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The programme included a chorus which was charmingly rendered by the Primary Class, mere tots; a recitation which was excellently given by Miss Jean Burridge, a whistling solo, "Let us Away," which was splendidly done by Miss Mable Carruthers, who gave "Joy Bells," in response to a very hearty encore; piano solo by Misses Phoebe Lay, Margaret Clay and Alice Muriel; recitations by Misses Ella Pottinger, Mildred Robertson, and Rettie Robertson, and Jimmie Pottinger; duet by Misses Jean and Margaret Burridge; song by Misses Kate Renwick and Jean Burridge; choruses by Miss Polson, Miss Springs, and Miss Paterson's classes; and dialogues by Miss Sinclair's class.

The programme closed with singing of "The Maple Leaf Forever," which was sung with much vigor by what small childish choir of the younger children showing in marked contrast with the fuller and deeper notes of their elders. While the youngsters joined with the most charming mirth in the applause which greeted their patriotic effort, eager and joyous shout, and much laughter hailed the entrance of Mr. Eldridge, one of the teachers, who clad in a great coon-skin coat sashed with sleigh bells fur hat, mask and long typical beard, played the part of Santa Claus, and in due course bestowed upon each pupil a large package of apples, candies and nuts.

Two prizes will be awarded upon the afternoon of the first Sunday in the New Year to members of each class, being given (1) for general proficiency, and (2) for regularity in attendance.

A pretty Christmas tree, which ever and anon, blazed and sparkled with flashing lights, embellished the platform, but this feature was added to the evening's entertainment, merely for decorative purposes, for in lieu of presenting gifts upon this great evening of the year, the children bring each a gift, which when they are properly packed are at the earliest possible moment forwarded to the Indian children at the Ahousat Mission on the West Coast of the Island.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning were: D. McKenzie, Mr. White, Miss Bulwin, R. H. Lowndes, Miss Baynes, D. P. Clark, S. McIntyre, Mrs. McRae, C. H. Cooper, M. Carmichael, L. C. Scott, P. J. Russell.

Arrangements have been completed for the Christmas ball and entertainment to be given tonight by the management and employees of the Empress hotel. It is expected there will be a large attendance as a large number of guests have been invited. Those attending are requested to present their cards at the door.

On Dec. 30th the Women's University club will hold a reception in the Alexandra club. The guests of honor will be the members of the Vancouver University club. A delightful programme has been promised. On the afternoon of the 31st a joint literary meeting of the two societies will be held.

Hon. D. M. Eberts left Victoria on Monday for Vancouver en route for Montreal, where he will visit his daughter, Miss Eberts, who is spending the winter months there. After leaving Montreal Mr. Eberts intends going on to New York for a short visit.

At St. Paul's Manse, Lyndas street, Victoria West, on Saturday evening, the Rev. D. MacRae officiating, the marriage took place of Mr. Ernest Gerhard to Mrs. Thorne Strait, both of Victoria, where they are to make their home.

AMUSEMENTS

The New Grand

The splendid bill of feature acts at the New Grand, with Mlle Joyce Gray, the beautiful French Salome dancer, as the big novelty is drawing enormous business and Mr. Jamieson states that if it keeps up to the end of the week, which it undoubtedly will, the best records of the house will be broken. Besides Miss Gray, the bill included Stephen Grattan, assisted by Miss Genevieve Cliff, in "Locked Out at 3 a.m." Margaret Severance and Co., in "Nowadays"; Earl Girdle and his dogs, and the illustrated overture. There will be the usual afternoon and evening performance on Christmas Day.

The Pantages Theatre.

With five big features on the bill the regular illustrated song and moving pictures attractions, the Pantages for Christmas week show is very attractive, with its graceful, Dancing Girls, The Four English Belles, The Marvelous Juggler, Le Toschi, with his bewildering dexterity and side splitting comedy, seemingly impossible to one completely insane. The Raymond Dud, with the only woman on earth riding a unicycle in mid-air. During this act Mr. Raymond presents a neat little comedy extravaganza, entitled "The Tail Guy."

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Such a rush for land never was seen before, and possibly never will again. The streets of Moose Jaw present a stirring sight, and fresh batches of land-hungry men are coming in by every train and by every trail leading to the city.

For Stealing Coat.

John Hillman was arrested early this morning for stealing an overcoat, the property of G. F. Snider. The latter laid his coat down in a shooting gallery, and on looking for it found that it had been stolen. Hillman was arrested with the coat on.

Fireman Killed

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 23.—A Grand Trunk fireman, William Hargrave, fell from his engine near Lancaster yesterday and sustained injuries which caused his death. His home was in Brockville, and he was about 23 years old.

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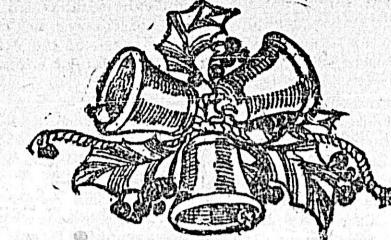
Lulu Island Farmer Injured.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—While engaged in harnessing a team of horses to a heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, a well

known rancher of Lulu Island, was

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

The stores were thronged with people yesterday afternoon. The general opinion was that there never before were as many buyers in evidence on the second day before Christmas as there was yesterday. The very fine spring-like weather had something to do with it, but the real cause is to be found in the fact that there are many more people in Victoria and its suburbs than there ever were and that the year has on the whole been a fairly prosperous one for the great body of the community. But whatever the cause or causes may have been, the fact is that the people were out in force and every merchant in the city was getting his share of an exceptionally good Christmas trade.

Only today is left for Christmas shopping, and it would be well for every one who can do so, to visit the stores early in the day. There will be fuller stocks to select from, a better opportunity to be served and greater satisfaction all round than will be possible if all the shopping is postponed until the afternoon or evening. It will help the merchants greatly in the delivery of the goods if purchases are made early and be very advantageous to the clerks, whose work at this season of the year is very trying. Therefore we suggest to Colonist readers that they should shop early—and often if they can.

CONVENTIONS AND CAUCUSES.

Canadians borrowed two things from their American neighbors concerning the utility of which, from the public point of view, there may be considerable doubt. They are the party convention and the party caucus. When we say convention we do not mean the organization conventions such as are held annually or at less frequent intervals to keep up a party organization, but conventions for the nomination of candidates. By a caucus we mean the meeting of the members of the legislature belonging to any party with the view of deciding how all measures shall be considered, the result being that the votes cast in the House afterwards are not indicative of individual opinion. A quarter of a century ago a party convention in Canada for the nomination of candidates was a very unusual thing. Those who aspired to representative positions issued their cards and did their own work of organization. It would be a rash man who would affirm that we get better results under the convention plan than we got under the old one. The nominating convention develops party bossism. In very many cases it is all understood in advance who will get the nomination, and except in the case of recognized leaders, the men usually chosen are selected because they are colorless in their politics and perhaps possess some personal elements of popularity. There was a time when constituents returning two or more representatives would have a half-dozen or more candidates. As the campaign progressed these candidates would form groups and have their names printed on the same ballot paper, for in those days we did not have the present so-called secret ballot. Men prepared their own ballots or used those printed by the candidates. Hence when two or more names were printed on the same paper it used to be said that the candidates thereon named were "on the same ticket," which meant that they were helping each other. Now the "ticket," which is no longer a ticket at all, is made up at the party convention. We question the claim of the new system to be considered better than the old one, even in the case where only one candidate is to be nominated. The convention may secure the election of the man the party managers want, but perhaps it is not always well for the public that the managers should have their own way.

As to the Caucus, the Colonist rarely has had anything to say in favor of it. That the government ought to consult its supporters occasionally we thoroughly believe; that on all important measures involving matters of policy it is desirable to secure in advance a promise of adherence from the members of the party, we admit without argument. But we do not think it desirable that the details of measures should be threshed out in caucus. The proper place for the consideration of details is the floor of the House, either at Ottawa or Victoria. One reason why the caucus is called together so often to consider matters, that might well be left open, is due to a misunderstanding of the effect of an adverse vote in the House. Let us suppose that the government of the day proposes as a matter of policy to operate a line of airships as a public enterprise, but the measure when in-

troduced is defeated. The resignation of the government would not necessarily follow. The Premier might decide to make it an issue, in which event he might resign or he might ask for a dissolution; but he would not be bound to take either one course or the other. He might let the measure drop and await the further action of the House. A conspicuous illustration of this occurred in a Canadian provincial legislature. The government was defeated upon the Address, but the Premier made no announcement. A few minutes afterwards he was defeated on a motion to adjourn, and he thereupon announced that he would consult the Lieutenant-governor. He did so, and the next day came to the House and announced his resignation. This is an extreme case. If a defeat on a question of policy does not necessarily involve the resignation of a government, much less does a defeat on a question of details. Hence a government is always safe to leave the House free in the matter of details, for it can always withdraw a bill if it is amended so as to defeat or impair the object for which it has been introduced.

These observations are made apropos of nothing in particular, but simply because it is well occasionally to discuss first principles. Neither the Dominion nor the local parliamentary body is in session and while there are a few bye-elections in sight there is not likely to be any convention held in respect to either of them. Now and again, when no one is thinking about any special matter, it is just as well to talk a little about the things which go to make up our institutions. As the constitution of the State of Washington says: "A frequent recurrence to first principles is desirable for the proper understanding of our system of government."

THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Yesterday in a reference to the coming session of Parliament we referred to the rumors afloat as to the transfer of the Intercolonial Railway to a private company. We find the following in the Toronto World:

The Montreal Herald has a long editorial which begins and ends nowhere, but would seem to be breaking ground for the lease or sale of the Intercolonial. It is too much the fashion to hold up this system as illustrating the defects of public ownership. Those who have occasion to travel upon the I.C.R. find excellent service, good meals at reasonable prices, and probably a better return for their money than many railways owned and operated by private corporations. It is not a moneymaker, and no doubt some grafting has gone on in the railway department as in other departments. The grafting should be stopped, if it does exist, but the system must remain under government ownership and control. When the G.T.P. is operating its section between Quebec and Moncton we will be able to make some exact comparisons, because of course the I.C.R. will cross the St. Lawrence when the new Quebec bridge is built.

The Toronto World is a very staunch advocate of government ownership, and we are not surprised that it should take this stand. There is no doubt that the Intercolonial has been handled more with the view of giving good service than of making a profit, and we are not sure if this is not the correct principle, assuming, of course, that business principles prevail in the management. The people of Canada must not lose sight of the part which the promise of this railway played in bringing about Confederation. So important was it deemed that the British North America Act contains the following very unusual provision.

"Inasmuch as the provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick have joined in a declaration that the construction of the Intercolonial Railway is essential to the consolidation of British North America and to the assent of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick thereto and have consequently agreed that provision should be made for its immediate construction by the government of Canada, therefore etc., etc."

Thus the Intercolonial Railway was the corner stone of the Dominion, and if it has not proved a financial success, its failure in that regard does not of itself call for its abandonment as a public work. The people of the eastern Maritime Provinces have some right in this connection, which ought to be respected. It is largely a matter for them to decide. We have a telegram from St. John this morning indicating how the people there feel about it.

SOME IMMIGRANTS.

The somewhat heated discussion, which was carried on in the press not long ago about Englishmen in Canada has done good. It has led to some investigation, and a correspondent of the London Times has reached the conclusion that the "insists" are men, who would be out of place anywhere, and were helped to get to Canada by some people, who hoped they might do better here than they could even expect to do at home. He describes them as "helpless shiftless wrecks" who are "doomed to fail wherever they go." In another place the correspondent speaks of them as "poor derelicts who never had a chance." He says that Canadians pity them and help them, but can really do nothing with them. He thinks that the presence of great numbers of these unhappy people in England presents a very grave problem, but one that England must solve, for he regards it as a mistake to suppose that "clearer skies, a more generous space and uninvited air will transform a man or woman, who has attained full growth from a useless to useful member of the community."

In our judgment the problem presented by the existence of such a class of people in England

is among the most important and most difficult with which the government of the country is confronted. We hear much of the defence of England against danger from without, but nothing of the need of protection against danger from within. Yet the former menace is largely imaginary and at any rate is in future, while the latter is actual and present today. The emigration of the unit only makes a bad matter worse. We are much impressed with the idea that private philanthropy will have to grapple with these unhappy conditions by improving them at home.

An interesting reference to the displays in the shops of Victoria at Christmas forty years ago will be found on page five.

The disposition to sympathize with the Kaiser is reflected in all quarters nowadays. A Paris cable reads: "Mr. Fielding is granting no interviews to the press."

Germany gushed over Castro only to learn that his own country had repudiated him. Germany of late seems to have had a bad run of luck in international matters.

On the principle that "those who live in glass houses ought not to throw stones," Canadians will manifest but small disposition to talk about the amazing graft disclosures in Pittsburgh, Pa.

An Ottawa despatch says that Mr. W. H. Galliher ex-M.P. for Kootenay is spoken of as successor to Mr. Greenway on the Railway Commission. At one time Mr. Templeman was spoken of in the same connection.

A shipment of British Columbia apples has been successfully marketed in Australia. The possibilities for the development of the fruit-growing industry in this province are simply incalculable.

The holiday shopping season of 1908, which has now practically drawn to a close, is pronounced by all tradesmen to have been easily the most successful in the history of Victoria. In no city in Canada are business conditions more satisfactory, nor the outlook more promising.

The Fernie Free Press has a man on its staff who is wasting time in British Columbia. In preparing an item telling of the hanging in New Westminster, the other day of a Chinaman, a mulatto and negro, he headed it "For a White Canada!" There is a vacancy on the staff of Punch for a man who can do things like that.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier would be doing a very popular thing if he were to decide to offer the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries to Judge Cassels, who seems to have developed an extraordinary faculty for discovering "leaks" which, if stopped, would mean the saving of large sums of money to the taxpayers of Canada.

In a letter received at Winnipeg the other day from Sir Hugh Allan that gentleman states that in all probability he will accept the position of High Commissioner for Canada, and says that in the meantime he cannot make any further business plans. His selection for this important post will we think, be universally approved of.

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The distress amongst the poor in the British Isles this season is reported to be very great. Here is a terrible picture of the situation in London in respect to the problem of underfed children: "At its annual meeting, the London Education committee recommended that power be sought from the county council to draw £10,000 sterling, to be expended during the next few weeks in keeping together the bodies and souls of thousands of half-starved waifs who arrive at the schools in anything but a fit condition to learn their lessons."

There appears to be little prospect of a race for the America Cup next year. This is a matter for regret, as this event is undeniably the most attractive International yacht race of the world. But the situation seems hopeless. The main issue is thus described by the London Field: "The New York Yacht Club has adopted the Universal Rule. It should therefore be open for the Royal Irish Yacht Club, or any other recognized body, to challenge for the America's Cup under the Universal Rule. So long as this condition is not open, so long will it be felt by sportsmen all the world over that the New York Yacht Club is not doing its best to encourage International competition in the shape of a further race for the America's Cup."

A pleasing incident occurred some days ago at the official banquet given by the business men of Ceylon in honor of the officers of the United States battleship fleet. In presenting 15,000 pounds of tea to the officers and men of the fleet the chairman of the Planters' association expressed admiration for the unparalleled achievement of marshaling the American fleet in a stately procession from sea to sea. The Ceylon planter, he said, especially sympathized with the American nation and appreciated the absence from its tariff of a duty on tea, and also the new pure food law, which was aiding the consumption of Ceylon tea. Admiration, sympathy and gratitude, he said, prompted the gift of tea. Col. Sir Henry Edward McCallum, the governor of Ceylon, said that the prosperity of Australia, Hong Kong, and the Straits Settlements was due to the crown colony government and that America would have adopted this system in the Philippines had its constitution permitted. Admiral Sperry said there was no position for America in a war where Great Britain was involved, except that of benevolent neutrality.

One of these days Canadians will get tired of having their country misrepresented in the British Isles and will cease attempting to set people right as to the actual conditions obtaining in the Dominion. We are led to make this observation on reading the following cable despatch from London which appeared in our issue of yesterday: "A song entitled "Canada" being sung at the music halls here by Harriet Vernon, asks: "Why send your sons to Canada? Tell me, John Bull, where hunger stares them in the face?"

A couple of dozen Canadians, annoyed at the anti-emigration sentiment of the song visited Ipswich Hippodrome with the object of singing the "Maple Leaf," but were denied entrance. The Canadian party was led by N. B. Colcock, Ontario government agent. If this music hall libel affords any amusement to the people of London, Canadians will lose but little sleep over the matter. Fortunately, Canada and its people are not dependent for their success upon the ability of the masses in the Old Country to comprehend the actual situation here in respect to opportunities for settlers—were it otherwise, they would be in a desperate plight indeed. In the interests of Imperial unity, however, it is to be regretted that a number of ignorant people in England are given opportunity not only to make fools of themselves, but to grossly misrepresent a loyal Colony.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist,
Thursday, Dec. 24, 1868.

To produce the enormous quantity of grain harvested in the Prairie Provinces this year, nearly ten million acres of land were required, the exact acreage under crop being 9,420,213. Of this more than half were devoted to wheat, indicating that the average wheat crop in the West was about 18½ bushels per acre. We find the following further interesting data along this line in the Montreal Gazette:

According to the final and official figures of the Canadian Pacific railway as supplied to G. M. Bowstring yesterday from the Winnipeg office, the total value of the Western grain yield this year is \$126,163,048, which is something like twenty million dollars ahead of any previous record, and about thirty million dollars better than last year's crop. This is not only caused by the extent of the harvest, but by the fact that prices for wheat and other grains are ruling high this year. The increased money which is being put into circulation by the present year's crop is shown by a comparison of the value of this year's crop with that of last year, which was a comparatively small one, and that of 1906, which was considered excellent. The crop of 1907 was sold for \$96,401,132, while that of 1906 brought to the Western farmers \$8,872,737. Naturally, wheat represents the greater part of the cash receipts. The total Western wheat crop return is estimated at \$87,268,040, within ten million dollars of the total grain values of last year. The oat crop is valued at \$27,787,816; barley, at \$8,910,700, and flax at \$2,201,491. A significant feature of the crop returns is that the winter wheat crop is valued at \$3,462,045, where a few years ago it was not thought that winter wheat could be grown at all in the West. Put in bushels—the way in which the railroads handle the grain—the figures are not less impressive. The total grain yield of the West amounted to no less than 223,757,549 bushels—almost a quarter of a billion. This was divided as follows: Wheat, 106,853,255 bushels; oats, 92,626,054 bushels; barley, 22,276,752 bushels, and flax, 2,001,491 bushels. Divided amongst the three Western grain provinces the figures show that, while Manitoba is fairly well holding its position as the great wheat country, it is not leading in the other cereals, while Saskatchewan is fast gaining in the matter of wheat production. In wheat Manitoba produced this year 58,071,095 bushels; Saskatchewan, 43,540,000 and Alberta, 5,242,068. Saskatchewan led in oats, with 41,656,386 bushels. Manitoba was a close second with 38,912,545, while Alberta's oat crop was 12,057,125. Manitoba took the lead in barley with 18,140,215 bushels, Saskatchewan, 2,694,550, and Alberta, 1,441,987. In the comparatively minor crop of flax, Saskatchewan led with 15,570,106 bushels, Manitoba 368,466 and Alberta only 62,919.

The announcement that it is likely that Sir Montague Allan will be the successor of Lord Strathcona as High Commissioner for London in Canada makes timely the following sketch of his career:

Chairman of the board of directors of the Allan line, Royal Mail Steamship company, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, and a director severally of the Royal Trust company, the Dominion Steel company, the Acadia Coal company, and other important financial and industrial Canadian enterprises, Sir Montague Allan's personality is one of consequence in the business life of Canada. As a factor in the social world of Montreal, his house, Ravencraig, as known, not only as a centre, but as the scene of entertainment of many distinguished visitors from other lands. A keen sportsman, Sir Montague is a recognized yachting authority. He is also president of the Montreal Turf club. His summer home is at Cacouna, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Sir Montague Allan is the second son of the late Sir Hugh Allan, founder of the Allan steamship line, a native of Montreal, and is 49 years of age. He was educated at Bishop's college school, Lennoxville, and in France. In 1893 he married Marguerite Ethel, daughter of Hector Mackenzie, of J. G. Mackenzie & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Montreal, and has a family of four children, two boys and two girls, who are yet at school. Sir Montague Allan is a Presbyterian in religion.

That the West is the real "Land of Opportunity" is well illustrated by the following, which we find in the Calgary Herald, under the caption of "The Luck of a Westerner":

There is no telling where luck may decide to alight. A fellow Calgarian some years ago went away into a remote valley of central British Columbia and staked out a section of unsurveyed land. At the time the property was more than two hundred miles from a railway, over almost impassable mountain trails. The man played his luck with the same degree of blindness with which one would lay down a dollar bill on one of the thirty-six roulette numbers. But he won. The story is a long one, and reads like a romance. Another fellow came prospecting along a few weeks after the Calgarian had driven his stakes and filed a squatter's claim. The government learning of the excellent piece of land, attempted to dispute the right of the original locator, offering back his money with interest, an action strongly suggestive of a woodchuck. The squatter seemed to be backed by an amount of money equal to the assets of the Hudson's Bay company, but the Calgarian had luck, also pluck, and he won out. The next thing that happened was the G.T.P. survey, which crossed a corner of the land and the property, secured at a cost of about \$5 an acre, worth nothing at the time whatever, now embraces a townsite and is worth no less than \$60,000. Some are born lucky, others have luck shot at them.

Viscount Avonmore, who became a two-and-a-halfty the other day, is, says the London Standard, the youngest son of the fourth Viscount, and succeeded his brother as sixth Viscount three-and-twenty years ago. Barry Yelverton, first Viscount Avonmore, a lawyer, orator, and statesman, was born in 1736, and, after attaining the highest eminence at the Irish Bar, was appointed in 1782 Attorney-General of Ireland, and two years later he was constituted Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer. In 1795 he was created Lord Yelverton and Baron Avonmore of County Cork, and in 1800 he obtained his Viscountcy. The present peer is a captain in the Dublin City Artillery, and served with the West African Frontier Force in 1901. He married in 1890 the daughter of Mr. George Evans of Gortmerron, Dungannon, and formerly of Toronto, Canada.

The magistrate at one of the Paris police courts has just learned of a new occupation. Some tattered garment appeared to answer a charge of vagrancy and when asked his occupation his reply was "Je pose pour l'obésité." Asked to explain himself the man stated that he had been engaged by a maker of some anti-fat nostrum. He had assumed an India-rubber dress, and this was inflated after the manner of a pneumatic tire. Next the vagrant was photographed, and the "faithful remembrancer" was placed in a frame bearing the legend "Before treatment." After some time the man was again photographed after less inflation, and below his picture were added the words "After a month's treatment." Later process was repeated, and this time the words below read "After two months' treatment." Unfortunately, the photographs could be reprinted from the negatives, and the man's occupation was gone; hence, driven to desperation, he had committed the offence which brought him within the law.

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BRITISH OPINION

In his speech at Warrington, says the Morning Post, the Irish Secretary emphasized the necessity of rapidly completing the process of transferring the land in Ireland from the hands of the landlords to those of the tenants. As to the expediency of effecting this great revolution there can hardly be two opinions. Now that the operation has commenced there could hardly be any attempt to impede its being continued without seriously aggravating the present evils and increasing the potential dangers of unrest and disorder. But, while there will be general agreement as to the need for promoting the transfer of land, it is by no means certain that the Irish Secretary's new Bill will serve to advance this object. Apart from the merits of the scheme, the fact that it has been introduced so late in the session is distinctly unfortunate. By postponing so long his measure for dealing with the questions involved, Mr. Birrell has encouraged the belief in Ireland that it was only the cattle-driving agitation and the threat of more serious trouble that have spurred him to action. Confirmation has thus been given to the vicious opinion that to obtain attention from an English Government it is first necessary to plunge Ireland into disorder. Again, the late introduction of the Bill has given ground for the suspicion that it is put forward as a sign of goodwill, not as a serious effort to settle the difficult problems requiring treatment. The measure is thus found to be handicapped from the start.

The Dublin Evening Telegraph publishes the following:—A propos of the news published in these columns that 200,000 German troops are being massed in Alsace-Lorraine, and that temporary barracks were being erected in various parts of the two provinces, the following extract, taken from a letter to one of our readers shows that the French Government is quite alive to the possibility of having to meet another Teutonic invasion. The writer of the letter referred is an eminent Irishman, who has been in exile since 1866, and resident in France since that period. In the course of his letter the writer says:—"I am once more very much disheartened. My elder boy, Patrick, has joined the army, and has been away on the frontier—where it is fearfully cold—for the past six weeks, right in front of the Prussians, too, and at a moment's notice, and at the moment when war was on the point of breaking out. So you may imagine I have been in a state of terror ever since. I would not mind so much if he had training enough to use the French Lebel gun. To cap all, the other boy, Alexander, is ordered out for next year. Glory be to the Lord! I think I am getting up a small Irish Brigade on my own account. Hoping I won't have to realise Davis's lines—

For far foreign fields, from Dunkirk to Belgrade. Lie the soldiers and chiefs of the Irish Brigade.

Two brothers, James and Andrew, already lie at St. Ouen after the war of 1870. But for all that I'm not brown-beaten. After all, it is only a duty to the country—and we do not forget that the French came over to fight us. I fear, however, the war is only put off. The Germans are seeking a quarrel, and the French won't stand any more nonsense."

Austria, says the Daily Mail, seems determined to persist in the dangerous game of keeping alive the controversy in the Near East. Her attitude towards Turkey and Servia approaches within measurable distance of provocation. Not content with depriving the Sultan of sovereign rights over Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria resents the form in which the Turks have chosen to express their displeasure, and threatens to suspend diplomatic relations with Constantinople. We can hardly believe that the Emperor Francis Joseph will signalise the sixtieth anniversary of his reign by giving his sanction to a step so insensate. To demand that the Government of Turkey should insist on its subjects wearing the red tabard of Austrian manufacture when they have decided on the fez of local make is to set for the new regime in Turkey a problem that might well baffle the authority of an older and more settled Constitution. Encircled by difficulties at home and abroad, the Ottoman has displayed a moderation that ought to appeal to the good sense, if not to the justice, of Baron von Aehrenthal. He has tried bullying and lecturing and the menace of withdrawing the Ambassador. He has appealed to France to use her friendly offices. But he has neglected the obvious remedy. Let the Austrian authorities give assurance of their willingness to submit to a conference the regularization of their annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the problem of the boycott would solve itself.

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Belfast Whig—if the government refuses to go to the country this refusal will be susceptible of no other explanation than this—that it has no confidence that it has the country behind it. Mr. Birrell said one thing at least to which it is possible unreservedly to subscribe. He observed that it was no use barking unless you were being manipulated to their own detriment. Although it must be confessed that the Bulgarian Government was partner with Austria-Hungary in the original defiance of treaty obligations, it has been induced by the diplomacy of Constantinople to settle its quarrel with Turkey, and, in case of conflict, would make common cause along with Servia and Montenegro. We hardly think that in the long run even the combined force of the Balkan nationalities would prevail in the field against the armies of Austria-Hungary, but there is one lesson which we have learned from our struggle in South Africa. It is the most serious of national undertakings to enter upon a war of subjugation against a people of European stock.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Week's Bank Clearings
Local bank clearings for the week ended Tuesday, totalled \$1,156,738.

Winning Numbers Announced
Nos. 50 and 87 were the winning numbers for the two cushions drawn for at the Elite millinery store.

Legal Vacation

The Christmas legal vacation starts today and closes on January 3. That day is a Sunday, so the courts will not be open for business until next Monday week.

No Small Debts Court

Mr. Jay yesterday adjourned the small debts court for two weeks. This means that there will be no sitting of the court next Wednesday, which falls during the legal vacation.

Take Out Permits

Building permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to Edward F. Geiger, who will erect a dwelling on Princess street, to cost \$2,600, and to Bevan Bros. for a barn on Davie street to cost \$175.

Executive Meeting

An executive meeting was held yesterday, which was the first to be attended by Mr. Taylor, the new Minister of Works. Those present were the Premier and Messrs. Cotton, Fulton, Young and Taylor.

A Grateful Acknowledgement

The committee of the Victoria Seamen's Institute, and the Sailors' Ladies' guilds, hereby desire to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the receipt of a very acceptable and timely donation of five tons of coal from the Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir.

County Court Adjourned

There will be no sitting of the county court for three or possibly four weeks. Judge Lampman has been called East on account of the illness of his mother and does not expect to be back before that time. It is probable that the next county court will be the February court.

Reaching One Hundred Guineas.

The ragged school children Christmas dinner fund, had last evening passed the £100 mark, the exact figure being slightly above \$490, and there is now some probability that the 100 guineas will be obtained, and enabled this afternoon. It only needs a few dollars more and they should be forthcoming.

Mission Band Meets.

A very pleasant social gathering in connection with the Metropolitan Church Mission Band, was held yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the church, when seasonable gifts in the shape of nuts, candies and oranges were distributed among the younger people. The Misses Spencer had the matter in charge.

A Church Journal

The Rev. A. J. Stanley Ard has undertaken the publication of a monthly journal in connection with St. John's church. In the first number, which will appear about the opening of the New Year, a very complete account will be given of the history of this church, which includes many very interesting features.

Service on Sunday.

Rev. A. J. Bruce, the secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Association, will on Sunday afternoon next at the four o'clock Men's meeting in the auditorium, deliver his annual message of advice and encouragement to young men; his subject being "The Other Wise Man," suggested by Henry Van Dyke's very well known story.

Car Axle Breaks.

A broken axle on car No. 31, on the Douglas street line, yesterday afternoon caused an accident, which, beyond the damage to the car, resulted in no ill. The car was approaching Queen's avenue at a fair rate of speed when the front axle broke, bringing it to an abrupt stop and throwing it off the rails. There were few passengers in the car and none of them were any the worse for the accident. The damaged car was taken to the barns and another car put in its place.

Christmas Services.

A special service, interspersed with old English carols, will begin at 11:30 o'clock this evening in St. Barnabas church, and shortly after midnight the Communion service will be celebrated; when several carols will also be sung. The other celebrations will be held at 8 a.m., at 9 a.m., and at the conclusion of the morning prayer service at 11 o'clock the Rector, Rev. G. Miller being the preacher. A funeral though, very brief service will take place in this church at 7:30 p.m.

In Christ Church Cathedral there will be three celebrations of the Communion service, at 7 a.m., at 8 a.m., and at the close of the morning prayer with sermon, Bishop Perrin being the preacher of the day.

In St. Saviour's Church in addition to the 8 and 11 o'clock service, evensong will take place at 4:30 o'clock.

In St. Andrew's Cathedral, R.C., arrangements have been made for three services, at 6 a.m., at 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Christmas Day will be suitably observed both in the First and in St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches, upon Sunday next. Services will also be held in the Metropolitan Methodist church.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 24, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is highest over California but low areas of considerable depression are passing from the Pacific through British Columbia to the Prairie provinces; these conditions have caused fresh southerly and westerly winds on the straits and outside waters. Snow has fallen at Dawson and Barkerville and on the plateau lands in eastern Oregon and Washington, and moderate to heavy snows have fallen on the coast from the lower mainland to California. East of the Rockies the weather in the middle west provinces is chiefly cloudy and moderately cold.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	43
Vancouver	38	43
New Westminster	36	42
Kamloops	28	31
Barkerville	18	32
Okanagan, B.C.	21	28
Calgary, Alta.	14	23
Winnipeg, Man.	18	20
Portland, Ore.	31	46
San Francisco, Cal.	19	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly westerly and southerly, partly cloudy with occasional rain, and not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Southerly winds winds, unsettled with rain and stationary or lower temperature.

WEDNESDAY.

Closes—Daily at 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. except Sunday.

Due—2:30 p.m., except Tuesday, and 7 p.m. daily.

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Due—6 p.m. daily.

China and Japan

Close—Dec. 9, 10, 22, 30.

Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.

Australia and New Zealand

Close, Dec. 4, 13, 20, 27.

Due—Dec. 10, 17, 24.

Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.

Close—Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Due—Uncertain.

Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.

Close—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.

Due—Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 28, 31.

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Due—Dec. 1, 10, 20.

Due—Dec. 4, 18, 27.

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Decorating the Empress

The rotunda of the Empress was being decorated yesterday in anticipation of today's Christmas tree and dance. Festoons of greenery are hung from pillar to pillar with gay colored Chinese lanterns distributed everywhere. The tree itself will have no less than 200 tiny electric lights of various colors, the whole producing a most picturesque effect.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Fea.

The funeral of the late Henry Fea will take place this afternoon. The remains will be removed from the Hanna parlors at 2 o'clock and conveyed to St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West, where services will be held at 2:30 p.m. The deceased was an old soldier and will be buried with full military honors. Interment will take place in the Soldiers' Cemetery, Esquimalt.

Evans.

The funeral of the late Joseph Evans took place yesterday afternoon from the Hanna parlors at 2:30 p.m. The Sons of England, of which order the deceased was a member, was well represented. The local Campagnards and soldiers from Work Point barracks turned out in goodly numbers. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Bruce and the corteges proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, where the S.O.E. observed the last rites of their order, after which the last post was sounded. The pallbearers were: F. Robbins, J. C. Walker, A. Jones, R. H. Johnson, W. C. Winkel, L. Ostler.

Dow.

The remains of the late Mrs. Dow will be removed from the Hanna parlors this afternoon and conveyed to the family residence, 428 Superior street, from where the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Reid will officiate.

Clarke.

The funeral of the late Margaret Clarke will take place from the Hanna parlors this morning at 9 a.m. Services will be held in the St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral and interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

Nelson.

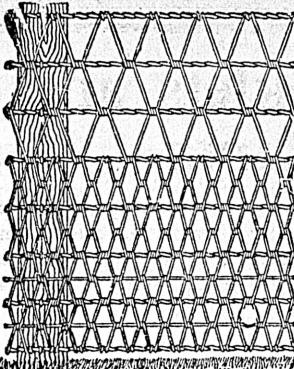
A pioneer resident of Victoria passed away yesterday morning in the person of Mrs. Annie Hazelton Nelson, relic of the late Urlich Nelson. The deceased was widely known to Victorians and her many friends will sincerely mourn her death. She was born in Adriaanbad, New York, and came to Victoria as a bride in 1865. She leaves surviving her three children: Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Mrs. G. A. Hartnagel and Miss Louise Nelson.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, Oak Bay Avenue, to Christ Church Cathedral where services will be held at 3 o'clock.

Trefousse.

Gloves at the Beehive, Douglas street. Today's price from \$1.00; all \$1.75 and \$2.00. Gloves now \$1.25; all \$1.25 and \$1.50. New dolls, \$5.00; lovely English Blouses, new styles, from \$2.50; special hose, a lot of 75¢ and \$1.00 stockings for 60¢. Look out for blouse bargains today.

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The Right Reverend Bishop of Columbia put himself on record yesterday before the court of revision by saying that to pay a tax from which he was exempt by law was a very back-staff's way of getting a vote. Bishop Perrin, apparently, is entitled to a vote as the representative of the church property, but he desires his personal vote as a householder. He said that he was perfectly willing to pay the \$2 tax if necessary, but being over the required age he had been informed that it could not be received. Eventually his lordship decided to test the matter by an appeal to the magistrate.

Joseph Peirson was another of the protestants against the ruling of the court of revision which denies the vote to men over fifty, who have not paid the \$2 tax, and he quoted an opinion of Judge Spinks, the county court judge at Vernon, who had decided that they were entitled to a vote. He thought the law should be the same all over the province, and remarked that it was ridiculous that voters should be sold for \$2 which was practically what the law now amounted to. He considered that the widest possible interpretation should be given to the act.

The court yesterday dealt with a number of protests against names on the list brought by the city road tax collector, who had a list of all the applicants who had not paid the tax; there were also a number of people who appeared in support of their right to vote in response to notices which had been sent them.

Not Due Till Demanded.

The city solicitor advised the court on several points, one of them being that owing to the wording of the by-law the road tax was not due, and so not a debt, until it was demanded. In compliance with this, those men on the collector's list who had not been asked for the tax were struck off and their names were left on the list. He further pointed out that if a man had made the required declaration that he had paid the taxes due by him to an amount of not less than \$2, but had not paid the road tax, he was entitled to remain on the list, if the road tax had not been demanded, from him unless there was evidence before the court that he had paid no other taxes. His affidavit must be taken as evidence that he had filled the conditions

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Word of the Law.

Mr. Justice Eve had last Saturday to interpret the testamentary wishes of a wealthy gentleman, who bequeathed to his son 'my tin despatch box at present at the Wilts and Dorset bank.' The box contained securities of considerable value, and one of the questions which the learned judge had to decide was whether the bequest of the box included the contents. His lordship felt bound to adhere to the plain words of the will and regretfully decided that only the box passed and not the things contained in it.—London Globe.

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ing a cancelled cheque for \$4 paid
for dog tax, the banker being appar-
ently of the opinion that the pay-
ment qualified him for a vote. He
was told over the telephone that this
was not sufficient, and at his request
Mr. Mann paid the \$2 for him, and
his name remained. Mr. Mann paid
up for a number of his friends during
the morning, and by the time the sit-
ting was over, he professed to be in a
position bordering on bankruptcy.The court sat all the morning, and
by the time the sitting had closed the
list was ready to be certified to by the
mayor. There will, however, be an
appeal taken to the magistrate by the
men over 50.

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The city solicitor advised the court on
several points, one of them being that
owing to the wording of the by-law
the road tax was not due, and so not
a debt, until it was demanded. In
compliance with this, those men on the
collector's list who had not been asked
for the tax were struck off and their
names were left on the list. He
further pointed out that if a man had
made the required declaration that he
had paid the taxes due by him to an
amount of not less than \$2, but had not
paid the road tax, he was entitled to
remain on the list, if the road tax had
not been demanded, from him unless
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that he had paid no other taxes. His
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To gather in the mistletoe.

Then opened wide the bairn's hall.

To vassal, tenant, serf and all;

Power laid his rod of power aside,

And ceremony doffed his pride.

The heir, with roses in his shoes,

That night might village partner

choose.

The lord, undergating stane.

The vulgar game of post' and pair,

All baited with uncontrolled delight,

And general voice, the happy night,

That to the cottage, as the crown,

Brought tidings of salvation down."

From the very earliest times Christmas Eve has been a time of merrymaking. Indeed, before the advent of Christ all northern nations had observed the season as a time of mirth and of religious rites. The Druids of ancient Britain at the time of the winter solstice with mystic ceremonies and sacrifices solemnly cut down the sacred mistletoe from the oaks on which it grew. Although this plant has been used for decoration in the present and has for centuries been regarded by lovers as a plant of good omen and a source of mirth, the Christian church has always associated it with heathen rites, and it has formed no part of the decoration of the churches. The burning of the Yule log has come to us from our Scandinavian ancestors, who at this season kindled huge bonfires in honor of their god Thor. The Yule log, however, became one of the most popular and one of the most enduring of Anglo-Saxon customs. Even yet in some places the embers of last year's Yule log is kept to kindle that brought in on Christmas Eve. With the Yule log was in the old days brought in a huge Christmas candle. Every county in England had a different way of celebrating the bringing in of the Yule log, but in all there were sports and feasting and mirth. The Christmas tree which is dressed on Christmas Eve, comes to us from Germany, and was not known in Old England. From the same country comes the giving of Christmas presents though bounded hospitality was exercised in England on Christmas Eve. The hanging up of the stockings is another German custom, and Santa Claus or St. Nicholas, had his origin in the same country. A very old custom was that of mumming. On Christmas Eve and throughout the season men dressed in all sorts of grotesque costumes went about to the great houses and acted rude plays. Their performances were usually directed by the Lord of Misrule, who was appointed to lead the rebels in various places. Even the grave University of Cambridge had its Lord of Misrule. The waltz was musicians who disturbed the slumbers of sober citizens at Christmas time. In later days the carol singers, who on Christmas Eve delight the people of the Old Land, have taken the place of the waltz and are sometimes called by the same names. The custom of singing Christmas carols is a very old one. Jeremy Taylor says, "As soon as these blessed choristers had sung their Christmas carol and taught the church a hymn to put into her offices forever in the anniversary of this festivity, the angels returned into heaven." Many of the old Christmas carols are noted for their beauty and simplicity. The custom is thus described: "The choristers attached to the village church make their rounds to the principal houses throughout the parish, and sing some of those beautiful and touching hymns. The airs to which they are sung are frequently no less plaintive and melodious than the words." There is very beautiful carol written by the poet Herrick called the "Star Song." The following are the first verses:

How Christmas is observed among the poor in England, who still are not paupers, the reader must read the Christmas Carol to understand. If Dickens had never written anything but Bob Cratchit's Christmas Dinner he would be entitled to the gratitude of all who love children and in whom the Christmas spirit survives. Men and women in every corner of the Empire appreciate the humor and pathos as well as the genuine goodness of the homely story. Sad as is the fate of the very poor of English cities, yet Christmas brings to almost all a gleam of brightness and a touch of brotherly love. In great halls little children are gathered together and are feasted and amused by those whose hearts ache for the bareness of their lives. To this they look forward and today such efforts as are possible are being made to fit themselves for tomorrow's feast. Into many, even of the poorest homes, Christmas charity has made possible some celebration, however inadequate, of the festival in which every son of man should share. To the noble men and women who devote their lives to the uplifting of their fellowmen does the vision come of a day when the terrible grinding poverty of great cities shall be a thing of the past.

In Canada the Christmas festival has come to be very generally observed.

Ituritans by descent as many Canadians are, at Christmas time there are few indications of the coldness and severity that often bide warm true hearts. In every city from Halifax to Vancouver, mothers will tonight hang up rows of stockings, Christmas trees will be decked and hung with presents for old and young and mysterious parcels will have been hidden in unaccustomed places. Woods and gardens have been searched for holly and ivy and fir to decorate the rooms and song and dance and game are ready for tomorrow, and the nights of this following week. In the large farmhouses near the cities similar preparations are being made, and children and grandchildren are gathering at the old homes.

Hard working mothers in remote districts, or on the prairies, are busily putting the little houses in order and preparing garments small and large, so that the children may look well on the morrow. There may be a scarcity of the fruit and sweets which their city cousins will enjoy, but mother will make her daintiest cakes and home-made candy is better than any made by the confectioner. Yet, Santa Claus will come tonight with the dolls, the whistles and rattles that in the eyes of these little dwellers remote from the towns are far more wonderful than the costly playthings which have the novelty taken from them by being displayed in shop windows. The ride in the sled, home-made though it be, the skate on the pond or stream, the long coast down the side of the hill, send the children in with rosy cheeks and prepare them for sleep so sound that Santa Claus and all his reindeer, small as the home may be, cannot rouse them.

Mother and father as they sit by the fire preparing for the morrow, softly tell of bygone Christmas Eves when they too, were children in far away homes and old scenes are conjured up and old stories told till they too seek their rest to be wakened early by the little folks, who with shouts of joy open the well-filled stockings. Little they think of how much self-denial was needed in many cases that they might enjoy the day to their heart's content. This keeping of Christmas with its kindly old world customs is one of the most beautiful things we have borrowed from the mother land, and so long as the memories of happy Christmas Eves survive in the hearts

of the careful training received. The delightful manner in which Miss Grylls' class in vocal music acquitted itself was a pleasing feature of the entertainment. Dr. Pope and his assistant teachers were presented with addresses accompanied with handsome Christmas gifts.

The following programme was rendered: Duet, "Sabbath Morn," (Mend.) Miss Mary Sturgess, Jeanette Reilly; reading, "Christmas Time," Miss Helen Leavell; "Two Ways of Looking At It," Misses Gertrude Scott, Jocelyn Bridgeman, Marguerite Verrinder; "Canadian Boat Song," Miss Grylls' class; cantata, "The Live Doll," pupils of Intermediate and Junior divisions; piano solo, Miss Madge Wolfenden; play, "The Wrong Box," pupils of senior division; "God Save the King," Dr. Pope, the principal, then read the promotion lists and rolls of honor, as follows:

Junior Division

(Miss Louise Luginb, 2nd Ass't.)
Proficiency—Second reader: 1, Ellen Hart; 2, Rose O'Meara.

First reader—Gwendoline Verrinder.

Second primer—Hazel Fowler.

First primer—Class A, Madge Randall; class B, Dolly McBride, Kathleen Velich; class C, Georgiana Hawes.

Deportment—Dorothy Boggs.

Perfect in regularity—Ellen Hart.

Evelyn Rogerson, Roberta Balcom.

Neatness—Roberta Balcom.

Rapid improvement—Cecily Forester.

Poiteness—Edna Sanders.

Promotions to Intermediate division

—Ellen Hart, Rose O'Meara.

Intermediate Division

(Miss M. A. B. Pope, 1st Ass't.)

Promotions—Third reader to Fourth reader: Dorothy Moore, Rosalie Newman, Eileen Miller; Fourth reader to Senior division: Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder, Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.

Deportment—Edith Galley, Regina Verrinder.

Regularity—Virtue Errington, Edith Galley, Rosalie Newman, Kathryn Bradshaw.

Marked improvement—Charlotte Beterton, Margaret McBride.

Neatness—Dorothy Newman, Myrtle Bryce.

Poiteness—Minnie Moody, Dorothy Moore.

Senior Division

General proficiency—Mabel Eberts, Evelyn Leavell, Sheila Dunbleton, Mary Sturgess, Evelyn Munsie, Jane McPherson, Elsie Redfern.

Senior Fourth reader—Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgeman.

Special subjects—Book-keeping: Sheila Dunbleton, Jane McPherson; algebra, Mabel Eberts; geometry, Mary Sturgess; Roman history, Mabel Eberts, Sheila Dunbleton; Latin, Mary Sturgess; French, Mary Sturgess, Evelyn Munsie.

Deportment—Jane McPherson, Gertrude Scott.

Regularity—Marguerite Verrinder, Evelyn Leavell, Helen Leavell.

Neatness—Mary Boggs, Marguerite Verrinder.

Poiteness—Mary Sturgess, Elsie Redfern.

Promotions—from Senior Fourth reader to Fifth reader: Gertrude Scott, Marguerite Verrinder, Jocelyn Bridgeman, Marie Blair.

MISS MERSENGER'S SCHOOL

The annual distribution of prizes to the girls of Miss Messenger's school took place at "The Poplars," Burdette avenue, on Monday, Dec. 21. The results of the examinations were extremely satisfactory, the more so as the percentage necessary to obtain a prize has been raised since last year. In the first class Olive Day gained the arithmetic prize with 91 per cent, and the French prize with 85 per cent. In the second class the following girls obtained special prizes: Evelene Floyd, highest examination and term's marks, 83 per cent, arithmetic, 91 per cent, and spelling, 95 per cent; Doris Worsfold, English history, 82 per cent, and literature 80 per cent; Angela Beanlands, English elocution, 86 per cent; Florence Smith, French, 80 per cent.

Fourth class—Jessie Wootton, English history, 79 per cent.

The following among the pupils not having obtained prizes for special subjects received awards for very satisfactory general improvement: Armine Pemberton, Margaret Macdowall, Phyllis Slater, Phillipa Pemberton, Margaret Hollyer, Carmen Macdowall, Cordelia Jennings, Aline Stewart Williams, Isabel Fox.

The special music prize of the year to Miss Archibald's pupils was gained by Annie Grace Robertson, who earned it in strenuous competition by her unflagging, conscientious work. The moral conduct prize was awarded to Hilda Fleming, who was also the recipient of the "Noblesse Oblige" badge, this prize being voted by the girls themselves. Angela Beanlands was such a very close second in this contest that she was presented with a small badge of merit. The school will re-open on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1909, at 9:30 a.m.

VICTORIA DAY SCHOOL

A very interesting entertainment was held Saturday afternoon, when the closing exercises of the Victoria Day school took place. Archdeacon Seriven read the report and the results of examinations.

A French scene from Henry V. was given by Lucy Little and Bessie Jones; "Wolsley and Cromwell," scene from Henry VIII, by Freda Bagshawe and Mary Medd; a "French Dialogue," by Perl Warren and Brownie Bodwell; a "Scene from King John," Dorothy Edwards, Dorothy Kingham and attendants, Totle Day and Marguerite McDougall; "French and English Recitation," by Fred Hobson; a pretty drill was given by the pupils, all dressed in white, with red sashes and sashes; tableaux, from Tennyson's "Princess," in which were sung "Sweet and Low," "Tears, Idle Tears," "Home They Brought Her Warrior Dead," followed.

The children's parents and friends enjoyed the afternoon.

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JAMES BAYS TO BE INVITED

Coach O'Sullivan is Already Looking Around For New Oarsmen

Victoria will be requested to enter crews in a regatta which is being arranged to take place on Lake Washington next summer. In connection with the Alaska-Yukon exposition. The invitation has not yet been received but it is the intention to forward one to the James Bay Athletic association, according to the American press. That being the case the prospects of the club's representatives being assembled early in the spring and trained so that they may be in championship form in time to participate in the international events is one of the absorbing topics among the members of the organization at present.

The James Bay club, while taking up all forms of athletics, devotes itself to rowing more than anything else. Therefore the report that it is proposed to hold a big competition on Lake Washington in which they will be asked to take part naturally creates what might almost be termed a mild sensation. It has been suggested that one of the aquatic features of the A.Y.P. exposition might be an eight-oared crew contest in which many of the eastern and western universities, as well as the clubs of Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria would be represented. However, that idea is tabooed in this city for the simple reason that there are no shells of that size in the Canadian northwest. The largest available are the four-oared and, therefore, it is not possible for Vancouver or Victoria to essay anything beyond the four-oared event.

Proposition Endorsed

The proposition that the athletes of British Columbia and the western states be brought together in a meet under the auspices of the big fair of 1909 is accorded the most hearty endorsement of everyone connected with the sport here. The J.B.A.A. members, although nothing definite has developed yet, would enter into such an affair with both feet. Then, they point out, there would be something worth training hard for, the annual N.P.A.A.O. regatta scarcely affording sufficient stimulus to their ambitions to ensure that faithful attention to drill, which is essential if a sculler or a crew seriously desire to achieve success.

The suggestion that the exposition management arrange a regatta has served to rouse local enthusiasm. The J.B.A.A. boys anticipate a busy season. With the prospect of two international events, in addition to the usual intercity and club races, they

NO SOCCER GAMES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Fifth Regiment Will Withdraw From Island Second Division Soccer League

Christmas day will not see any soccer matches played on local grounds according to present indications. It was thought that there would be two at least, namely, the scheduled second division Island league game between the Victoria West and Fifth Regiment and a friendly exhibition in which the Esquimalt and Tacoma eleven would be the contestants. However, it has been decreed that neither shall take place. The Fifth Regiment it appears is not prepared to try conclusions with the Wests and have decided to withdraw from the series, while Tacoma has arranged to go to Westham Island throwing down the Esquimalt club without a word of explanation.

It had been suggested that, in the event of these fixtures failing to materialize, several of the Victoria District league matches might be brought off on the holiday. However, the majority of the players objected even to indulge in sport on the holiday and so the idea has been abandoned. Yet another proposal was made, namely, that the Victoria United and Victoria West teams might give an exhibition match at Oak Bay, the proceeds to be devoted to the city league. This, too, was not favorably received by those chiefly concerned and so has been allowed to drop.

The Victoria District league is up against the financial problem. It has been reported by the secretary that there is a debt of \$15 and a prospect of having to go further into the hole in order to make the trip to Nanaimo on Saturday for a Pacific Coast league game. No way out of the difficulty has been suggested and it has been decided that the members of the team which goes to the Coal city will have to pay their own transportation. If eleven players willing to do this cannot be found it will be necessary to default the match. Sammy Lorimer, the Victoria team captain, has the matter in hand and will make an announcement today.

The first practice of members of the Victoria United club will be held tomorrow at Beacon Hill. Alex Peden, the president, and other officials announce that this will be but one of many drills in preparation for the initial match of the Island league series which takes place next month. He hopes that there will be a large attendance. President Peden wants all local players who can make it convenient to be present on this occasion. He points out that it is done to help the team get the eleven in shape for the competition. If those actively interested in the sport respond, he thinks that there will be no difficulty in organizing a team that will sweep everything before them and bring Victoria the glory of victory and the cup—it is to be hoped good to both.

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SERIES OF MATCHES FOR COAST HONORS

The Stanford University Rugby Team En Route North to Play Vancouver

The Stanford College rugby team has left San Francisco and will play the opening match of a series for the Copper-Keith trophy with Vancouver on Christmas. Another game will take place a few days after and the final has been arranged for New Year's Day. A number of local enthusiasts contemplate visiting the mainland to witness one or more of these matches, there being considerable curiosity as to the style and form of the southerners. The respective fifteen will take the field as follows:

	Position.	STANFORD
R. Bell-Irving	Fullback	G. C. Paulkner
J. Gibson	Wing Three-quarter	W. Cook
E. McLong	"	J. R. Holman
B. Brydon-Jack	Centre Three-quarter	J. Roth
O. Fyson	Five-eighth	W. Mitchell
R. Ross	"	R. Ganong
D. McKinnon	Halfback	B. Erb
A. Yates	Wing Forward	J. D. G. Heeney
N. Sawers	Forward	J. O. Miller
L. R. Thomas	"	C. B. Evans
F. J. Murray	"	J. R. Pemberton
J. Shearer	"	P. Crawford
J. Jewitt	"	K. Dole
B. Bryant	"	W. Higley
G. N. Stacey	"	C. C. Terrill

CITY AND JAMES BAY TEAMS PLAY SATURDAY

Third of Local Rugby Series Announced—Personnel of Respective Fifteens

The City and James Bay Athletic Association rugby teams will play the third match of the season's series next Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay. Honors between the two stand even thus far each having obtained one victory. That the game will be hotly contested goes without saying because the keenest rivalry has always existed where these organizations are concerned and both think they are entitled to the home championship. The referee's whistle will sound for the line-up at 2:30 o'clock promptly and it is requested that all who have been picked for either side will put in an appearance before the time.

It would be indiscreet to venture a prediction as to which will win. A glance at the personnel of the respective teams shows that the respective captains have been busy during the past several weeks and have succeeded in materially strengthening their ranks. On the City aggregation for instance are noticeable such names as Gillespie, Meredith, Lowry, Graham and Pitts, all of whom have places on the representative fifteen and, therefore, have been adjudged by competent men to be among the best of Victoria's players. The J.B.A.A. boys, however, are not far behind.

They have quite a few stalwarts prominent in the ranks of the Victoria club. First and foremost is their captain, Leo Sweeney, one of the most conscientious forwards who ever took the field in British Columbia. And that isn't handing out the honey any too strong. Then there are Vincent Thompson, Arbuckle, Miller and Spencer. The majority of these are forwards from which it is assumed that while the City team will be strong on the quarter line, the Bay's pack will be more to than hold its own.

The City team will line up as follows: Full back, N. Gowen; three-quarters, Meredith, Gillespie, Lowry, and Winsby; half backs Pitts and Parker; forwards, Graham, Benson, Plummer, Spaulding, Morley, Harris Landy and Jephson. If there are any of those enumerated unable to be on hand, Secretary Spaulding requests that they notify him in order that all vacancies may be provided for before the day of the match.

JAMES BAY SWAMPED

The Victoria West Intermediates swamped the James Bay five in a match which took place at their own hall, the score being 32 to 7. There was no doubt as to how the contest would result after the initial few minutes of play as the Wests immediately began to do stunts which made their opponents appear like unto stone images. They chased each other about the floor, passing the ball hither and thither so that the Bays apparently became bewildered and failed to awaken until another peculiar zip was hit by the contact of the sphere and the net. It is true that the Bays were not familiar with the hall and, to an extent that may account for their overwhelming defeat. As it was they played to the bitter end and had it not been for Bailey's deadly shooting the story might have been different.

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At a meeting of the J.B.A.A. Rugby men last evening, H. Hopgood was elected secretary for the balance of the season to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of W. Loat. It was also decided to commence strict training in preparation for the match with the McGill University team, Vancouver, which play here on January 16.

A general rugby practice will be held at Oak Bay on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. All players in the city are asked to attend.

PAPKE AND KELLY IN RETURN MATCH

Another Bout Likely to Take Place Sometime Next Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Manager Long, of the Jeffries Athletic club, this evening offered Papke and Kelly for January 12, offering \$1,000 to 50 per cent. of the gross receipts to be divided as they may see fit. They are considering the offer, and a favorable reply is expected tomorrow, as it seems to look good to both.

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Sharp Criticism.

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in the first half, during which period the applause was vigorously renewed when the whistle sounded without any alteration.

Simply for Sport

London, Dec. 22.—The latest phase in the sporting match dispute between Hackenschmidt and Gotch is the following: Hackenschmidt declares he is ready to meet Gotch in England for the sport of the match alone, leaving out all considerations of the purse. The gate receipts may be devoted to charity, according to arrangements mutually agreed upon. If this fails to secure a match with Gotch in England, Hackenschmidt is willing to accept Gotch's conditions for a match in America.

North Ward Outclassed.

The Y. M. C. A. juniors outclassed North Ward in a game which took place in their own hall. They led at the finish of the first half by some six or seven points and by the time the finish was reached had increased their advantage.

The persons of the respective teams follow: Victoria-West Guards, Johnson and Jenkins; centre, O'Kell; forwards, Brown and Bailey; centre, Jeffs; Milner, Bendtrop; forwards, McNaught, Archibald, Spencer, Hiscocks, Campbell, Dinsdale, Thur

On the Waterfront

CLAIMANTS ARE HARD TO FIND

Government Having Difficulty in Discovering Crew of Sealer

DISCRIMINATION SHOWED

Owners of Two Sealing Vessels Suffer For Benefit of Quondam Companions

As was the case when the delayed payments to recompense those interested in the schooners seized by the United States in Bering Sea and the Willie McGowan and Ariel seized by the Russian government were made through the late collector of customs at this port, the location of those interested in the Vancouver Belle and Carmelite, the two schooners for which the long-delayed settlement has been made by the government at St. Petersburg is proving difficult. The settlement was made by the Russian government a year ago and arrangements have just been made through a Vancouver firm for the distribution of the payment made, totalling about \$48,000 for both schooners. The amount paid for the seizure of the Willie McGowan and Ariel which were seized under similar conditions was \$41,000.

The Carmelite was owned in Victoria by Capt. J. W. Peppett, owner of the schooners Pescawha and Umbina, and the Vancouver Belle was owned by Capt. Cope, her master, and others of Vancouver. Charles Croft, now engaged on a farm in Saanich district who was one of the crew of Capt. Alec McLean's schooner Carmelita, was one of the hunters of the Vancouver Belle. Where the other hunters, boat-steerers and others are difficult to learn, for only a few have been located. When the Bering Sea claims were paid some of the claimants never appeared and some were found as far distant as the Bon In Islands.

Mrs. Keefe, of Fort street, widow of Capt. Michael Keefe, of the schooner Rosalie Olsen, owned by A. K. Munro of the Victoria Book and Stationery company; Andrew Gray, of the marine iron works, the late James Dempster and Andrew Cook of this city, returned a short time ago from Ottawa where she went to push her claims with regard to the Rosalie Olsen, which, with the Maria, owned by Capt. Chas. Hackett of the steamer Quadra and associates, was seized under identical circumstances, in fact with far less justification, as the schooners for which payment had been made. The Ottawa government sacrificed the claims of these two schooners and those interested in them to effect a settlement for the other two schooners.

Who Will Benefit.

One of those who will benefit by the payment for the Carmelite is Capt. W. Hughes, master of the C.P.R. steamer Princess Beatrice, who had charge of the vessel when she was seized and who, with Capt. Sprott Balcom, manager of the Pacific Whaling company, who was master of the schooner Maria, seized at the same time, and the companies of the other schooners, was imprisoned at Petropavlovsk. The owners and those interested in the Rosalie Olsen and Maria feel very keenly the injustice of the abandonment of their claims to effect a settlement for the other two schooners. The Rosalie Olsen was the first seized. She was taken July 4, 1892, 40 miles from the Copper Islands by the Russian gunboat Kotlik with 379 sealskins on board. A few days later the Kotlik found the Vancouver Belle and seized her. The Maria was seized August 21, and the Carmelite five days later. All four schooners were taken to Petropavlovsk where the crews were imprisoned.

When some of the survivors of this trip are in a reminiscent mood they tell some interesting stories of their experiences. The seafarers were spitted by the Russian guards after the manner the pearl-poachers were looted in the well-known Kipling story "The Devil and the Deep Sea." Everything of value was taken. Even the sidelights were piloted to decorate the walls of the governor's residence. The sealers were robbed and left in what they stood up in when they were corralled in what had been a hen-house before it became their jail. From this odd prison the sealers looked out and saw the Russians walking past attired in their sweaters and long boots. Seven kopecks a day was their allowance for food and had it not been for the assistance of kind-hearted villagers they would have starved.

The Sealers' Return.

Some weeks after the sealers were called from the hen-house and reviewed, the Indians being delighted when they saw the gold braid and brass buttons of the Governor. They were told that the Governor had given the schooner Rosalie Olsen to Capt. Cope of the Vancouver Belle. As many as could be crowded on that vessel, about eighty emaciated and disheathed sealers arrived here in the fall of 1892. Capt. Cope who had rechristened the Rosalie Olsen, the Prize refused to turn her over to her owners in this city, claiming the Russian Governor had made him a present of the vessel. The courts awarded the schooner to her former owners. The majority of those who could not be crowded on the Rosalie Olsen were brought from Petropavlovsk by the American bark Majestic, whose master demanded \$50 each from the bankrupt company for bringing them home. He was drowned a year later when the Majestic went down with all hands. Capt. Balcom and Capt. Hughes made their way to Japan and came home on an Empress steamer.

Claims Made.

Claims for the illegal seizures were made and presented through the Imperial government. Russia paid over ten years ago for the Ariel and Willie McGowan. The claims of the other four schooners were then pressed and negotiations carried out by the Imperial government were abandoned. In 1904 the Dominion government sent Henry A. Little, a barrister of Wood-

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Sleeting, wind northwest, 8 miles an hour.

Clallam, 8 a.m.—Inward, oil tanker Col. E. C. Drake. Anchored, Americal Cecille.

Tatoosh, noon—Partly cloudy, wind west, 20 miles an hour. In, schooner Forest Home, at 8:30 a.m.

Port Crescent, noon—In, the schooner N. C. Allen, towing.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. Outside, bound in, a four-masted schooner.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light southeast wind. Bar. 29.55, temp. 38. Sea moderate.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Heavy rains, calm, hazy. Bar. 29.48, temp. 39.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Sleeting, northwest wind, 8 miles an hour. Bar. 29.67, temp. 41.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a fresh northwest wind. Bar. 29.69, temp. 44.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a light northwest wind. Bar. 29.52, temp. 39.

Cape Lazo, noon—Part cloudy, light northerly breeze. Bar. 29.64, temp. 43. Sea moderate.

At 10:30 a.m. to the south, two-masted steamer, probably the Venture, bound south.

Point Grey, noon—Part cloudy, strong northwest wind. Bar. 29.58, temp. 45. Passed out, freight steamer Indravelli, at 8:40 a.m.

Tatoosh, noon—Partly cloudy, wind west, 20 miles an hour. Bar. 29.76, temp. 46. Passed in, schooner Forest Home, at 8:30 a.m.

Estevan, noon—Part cloudy, occasion hail storms, northerly breeze. Bar. 29.88, temp. 39. Sea smooth.

Pachena, noon—Part cloudy, hail and rain showers, a northwest wind. Bar. 29.62, temp. 41. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Clear, a light north wind. Bar. 29.71, temp. 39. Sea smooth. The steamer Jefferson south at 2:15 p.m.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear, a northwest wind. Bar. 29.73, temp. 38. Freight steamer Alaskan in at 2:15 p.m.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind southeast, 12 miles an hour. Bar. 29.90, temp. 40. Outside, bound in, a four-masted schooner.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, wind northeast. Bar. 29.91, temp. 39. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Rain, light west wind. Bar. 29.77, temp. 36. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Says Neither the Fishery Protection Kestrel or Other Vessel Was Seen

STOCK, Ontario, to negotiate with the Russian representatives in London. He arranged a conference to which the Imperial government's officers were not invited. The claims aggregated \$139,812.50. It was arranged by the Russian representatives with Mr. Little that two of the claims would be paid if the other two were abandoned. Arrangement was then made whereby the claims of the Vancouver Belle and Carmelite would be acknowledged on the condition that those of the Rosalie Olsen and Maria were dropped.

The Tacoma Ledger says:

"It is all a beautiful fairy tale," said Captain Johansen. "We did not see the Kestrel or any other craft while we were fishing. We left Tacoma December 10 and stopped at Nanaimo, B.C., for bait. We proceeded after four or five hours at Nanaimo and took the regular course out to sea from Cape Scott. We did not see a vessel of any kind or class until December 16, when we sighted the Flamingo, a fishing vessel from Vancouver, B.C. This is the only vessel of any description we saw on the cruise until we reached the inside passage on our way home."

"Evidently it was an other case of our British friends poking fun at us. The Zapora makes about thirty trips a year to the halibut banks and between fifteen and twenty of these trips she stops at Nanaimo, B.C., for bait. It would seem in any case that it would be easy for the Kestrel to follow us from Nanaimo, B.C., and see whether we fished within the three-mile limit. We do not fish within the limit and they know it. As for the reports published in the newspapers of British Columbia to the effect that the government contends that Heceta strait is a land-locked harbor and that she has jurisdiction over it, this is not true. The British government never did contend that the strait was a land-locked harbor and she does not now do so. It is a claim advanced and agitated by the newspapers."

"The Zapora could not have spent much time paying tides, for she brought back one of the largest catches of halibut on record. She came in last night shortly before 12 o'clock with 225,000 pounds of halibut, which she will begin discharging at the plant of the International Fisheries company today."

"We are told that four men of one family have met their death in that fatal hold; that three of them were in the hold when the eruption of gas caused about a dozen men to drop as though they had been shot, and that the fourth, seeing his brothers lying apparently insensible in the hold, jumped down, flung himself upon his eldest brother and passed into insensibility in a moment. Some of the victims are Tamils and some Moormen. We presume that compensation will be awarded to those dependent upon the dead whalers who have so tragically met their fate."

"We are glad to be able to chronicle some acts of heroism in connection

with this sad event. A Tamil gentleman and an Englishman, at the peril of their lives, each rescued a man who was trying to escape from the hold. The Tamil gentleman fainted after he had achieved his purpose. The efforts put forth by the Government Analyst and his helpers to recover the bodies were most praiseworthy, and were only desisted from when it was felt that any further effort might result in still further loss of life."

"The ship was a terrible place indeed; every kind of poisonous gas seems to have been generated by the decomposing cargo of maize and rice. Silver coins were turned black in the pocket, the gold rings of the spectacles worn by one gentleman were also turned black; the air was suffocating and those who breathed it suffered for some time afterwards. So pitiful was it felt to be that the Government Analyst wired asking that a gunboat might be sent to knock the ship to pieces. This request has been refused."

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Alex. Thompson, of Sidney, is in the city on business.

John Jardine, M.P.P., left this morning for Vancouver for Christmas.

Mr. F. de Pass, of Edmonton, is at the Empress.

Mr. W. J. Hagan, of Cowichan, is registered at the King Edward.

Mr. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., of Duncan, was in town yesterday.

Pilot A. F. Yates, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Dominion.

Hon. F. I. Carter Cotton returned to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Hon. F. J. Fulton went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurie left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Thompson arrived in town yesterday and are staying at the Dominion.

Dr. A. C. Frost came down from Ladysmith yesterday and is staying at the King Edward.

Mr. Edwin G. Smith came down from Duncan yesterday, and is staying at the Driard.

Mr. Charles Willard and Miss Ella Soothern Willard, of New York, are staying at the Empress.

Mr. E. J. Palmer came down from Chemainus yesterday and is staying at the Empress.

W. Brenchley, of F. R. Stewart & Co., arrived from the mainland by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Chappin are in Vancouver, where they will spend a few days.

Capt. John Irving returned from the Sound by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday.

Miss E. Eaton returned yesterday from Kamloops after an absence of three months.

Miss Bowron is leaving for Seattle tonight en route for Cle Elum, where she will spend Christmas.

Z. M. Hamilton was a passenger from Seattle yesterday by the steamer Princess Royal.

T. W. Hodgson returned by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday after a business trip to Seattle.

Charles Bird, of John's Crossing, was a passenger by the V. & S. train yesterday.

J. A. Goodfellow, superintendent of the E. & N., left yesterday on a tour of inspection over that line.

A. C. Frost, M.D., of Ladysmith, is in the city. He came down on the moon-train yesterday.

On Tuesday evening the A. O. U. W. hall was the scene of a most delightful private subscription dance which was voted by all present as being one of the most delightful of the season. The supper room was charmingly decorated with red carnations, red bells, holly and ivy, which produced a seasonal and pretty effect. The floor was perfect, and Miss Thain's orchestra rendered a very delightful musical programme. The chaperones were Mrs. Gordon-Hunter, Mrs. S. W. Powell, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. P. S. Lampman, Mrs. J. W. Troup, Mrs. A. Stuart Roberson, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. E. E. Blackwood.

Among the invited guests were: Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. H. Pooley, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Mrs. H. McGregor, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Raymun, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. B. Ty, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Hollyer, Mrs. B. Helsterman, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Alkman, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Pally, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Basil Combe, Mrs. Roger Wilby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Trewatha James, Mrs. Shalleross, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Rattenbury, Mrs. E. A. James, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. V. Elliot, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Madame Perizelau. The Misses Dunsmuir, Misses Pitts, Misses Mason, Misses Page, Misses Lugrin, Misses Ellis, Misses Blackwood, Misses Pooley, Misses Irving, Misses Butchart, Misses Gaudin, Misses Montelth, Misses Tilton, Miss Little, Miss Perry, Miss Cross, Miss Spencer, Miss Troy, Miss Drake, Miss Boughshay, Miss Brown, Miss Johnson, Miss Fell, Miss P. Mason, Miss Helmckin, Miss McTavish, Miss Lawson, Miss P. Irving, Miss King, Miss Bolton, Miss Wigley, Miss Peters, Miss Rebbeck, Miss Beaven, Miss Gillespie, Miss Newcombe, Miss Hanington, Miss Dupont, Miss Newcombe, Miss Combe, Miss Adair, Miss Pemberton, Miss Savage, Miss Marin, Miss Georgeson, Miss Goshell, Miss Mackay, Miss White, Miss Smith, Miss Holden, Miss Langley, Miss Devereux, Miss Keast, Miss Schell, Misses Davie, Jephson, Todd, Parker, Bullen, Gibb, Brown, F. Pemberton, Launder, Davis, H. Hogg, C. Hogg, Arkubie, Martin, Harvey, Combe, Gaudin, Lawson, Bromley, Sampson, Capt. Narles, R. Wilby, Sampson, Parry, Com. Bromley, Heyland, Trewatha James, Foote, E. V. Bodwell, G. Brown, Fletcher, Newcombe, Berkeley, Ross, V. Elliot, Rihet, G. Johnston, R. Monteith, Cambie, Macdonald, Meredith, Dewdney, Col. Gregory, A. Pitts, C. Pitts, D'Arcy, Holland, Rochfort, J. H. Lawson, C. Keefer, P. Keefer, G. Gillespie, C. Drake, A. Gillespie, Rowcroft, K. M. Raynor, Cowley, Cookson, Eames, Eaton, Hughes, W. Brown, Capt. Macdonald, Hodgson, Talbot, G. McCurdy, Rowe, Dean, Taylor, H. Pooley, C. Pemberton, H. Potts, J. Musgrave, Babcock, Hebron, Rant, Phillips, Bailey, Beaven, Spalding, Dixon, C. Holmes, W. Barton, S. Powell, P. Pennet, Bray, Powell, Kent, Hopgood, A. T. Williams, Kingscote, Macpherson, Mason, Livingstone, Bell, T. James, Wilson, Macdougall, Montgomery, Payne, Cayser, Judge Lampman, G. H. Barnard, E. S. Wise, B. Ty, G. A. Harris, J. A. Alkman, C. Wilson, J. O. Reilly, W. Moresby, Monsieur Perizelau.

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George Sangster, of Sidney, was among yesterday's outgoing passengers by the V. & S. train.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fry, who came back from Vancouver yesterday and are putting up at the King Edward, return home today.

Mr. W. Douglas Stevenson, of Lexington, Kentucky, arrived in town yesterday, and is staying at the King Edward.

Miss Kathleen Macdonald left this morning via the Princess Victoria for Kamloops, where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

James B. Gleason left this morning on an extended trip to the Old Country. He will travel via the C.P.R. and the Empress of Ireland.

A. I. Nixon left this morning via the C.P.R. for St. John, N.B., whence he will sail on the Allan Liner Tunisian on a three months' trip to England.

Mr. G. W. Wilson, of 634 Maryland street, Winnipeg, arrived in the city Sunday evening to spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stewart, with their family, from Nelson, B.C., have arrived in town, where they intend spending Christmas.

Hon. Mr. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works, leaves today for Kamloops where he will spend Christmas.

Sam Sea, Jr., arrived from Port Alberni yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria to visit friends in this city.

Adolph Neu, chemist of the Portland Cement Co., left for the Island headquarters of that firm at Tod Inlet yesterday afternoon.

F. J. M. Morris, of Sidney, is in the city. He arrived by yesterday's train and intends spending several days here. He is among those staying at the King Edward.

George Hoffman, of Los Angeles, arrived from the south for the purpose of sojourning in Victoria for a few weeks, yesterday. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. M. Atkins, accompanied by Miss Graham, of Winnipeg, came over from Vancouver yesterday and are staying at the Empress.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Winters, of Winnipeg, who have been visiting with friends in Vancouver and this city, left this morning via the C.P.R. on their return to the east.

On Christmas Eve the staff of the Empress hotel are giving a ball in the hotel. About 600 invitations have been issued and everything promises to be a delightful affair.

On Tuesday evening the A. O. U. W. hall was the scene of a most delightful private subscription dance which was voted by all present as being one of the most delightful of the season. The supper room was charmingly decorated with red carnations, red bells, holly and ivy, which produced a seasonal and pretty effect. The floor was perfect, and Miss Thain's orchestra rendered a very delightful musical programme. The chaperones were Mrs. Gordon-Hunter, Mrs. S. W. Powell, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. P. S. Lampman, Mrs. J. W. Troup, Mrs. A. Stuart Roberson, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. John Irving, Mrs. E. E. Blackwood.

Among the invited guests were: Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. H. Pooley, Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Mrs. H. McGregor, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Raymun, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. B. Ty, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Laing, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Hollyer, Mrs. B. Helsterman, Mrs. T. S. Gore, Mrs. Alkman, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Pally, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Basil Combe, Mrs. Roger Wilby, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Trewatha James, Mrs. Shalleross, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Rattenbury, Mrs. E. A. James, Mrs. Genge, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. V. Elliot, Mrs. H. Kent, Mrs. Rismuller, Mrs. G. L. Courtney, Madame Perizelau. The Misses Dunsmuir, Misses Pitts, Misses Mason, Misses Page, Misses Lugrin, Misses Ellis, Misses Blackwood, Misses Pooley, Misses Irving, Misses Butchart, Misses Gaudin, Misses Montelth, Misses Tilton, Miss Little, Miss Perry, Miss Cross, Miss Spencer, Miss Troy, Miss Drake, Miss Boughshay, Miss Brown, Miss Johnson, Miss Fell, Miss P. Mason, Miss Helmckin, Miss McTavish, Miss Lawson, Miss P. Irving, Miss King, Miss Bolton, Miss Wigley, Miss Peters, Miss Rebbeck, Miss Beaven, Miss Gillespie, Miss Newcombe, Miss Hanington, Miss Dupont, Miss Newcombe, Miss Combe, Miss Adair, Miss Pemberton, Miss Savage, Miss Marin, Miss Georgeson, Miss Goshell, Miss Mackay, Miss White, Miss Smith, Miss Holden, Miss Langley, Miss Devereux, Miss Keast, Miss Schell, Misses Davie, Jephson, Todd, Parker, Bullen, Gibb, Brown, F. Pemberton, Launder, Davis, H. Hogg, C. Hogg, Arkubie, Martin, Harvey, Combe, Gaudin, Lawson, Bromley, Sampson, Capt. Narles,

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Tokio, Dec. 22.—The residence in Tokio of Commander John A. Dougherty, the United States naval attaché here, was burned to the ground last night. Mrs. Dougherty had a narrow escape from injury. The Doughertys lost all their property, as the house was consumed in fifteen minutes. Commander Dougherty was absent at the time at a state dinner given by Minister of Marine Sato.

Sudden Death in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—John W. Wood, a prominent real estate agent, dropped dead today while talking to a friend. Apoplexy was the cause.

Night Riders' Trial

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The state attorneys in the Night Riders' trial this afternoon announced that they would close their case on Thursday. The defense will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants.

Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of Oct. 19, the night that Capt. Rankin was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the nights that other outrages were perpetrated as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Rankin.

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JAPANESE PRESS URGES NEW POLICY

Papers State That Government Should Act Vigorously in Manchuria

Kobe, Dec. 23.—Some of the Japanese newspapers are urging upon the Tokyo government a "stronger policy" regarding Manchuria. The Tokyo *Keizai* says:

The first step in the development of Manchuria, says the *Toyo Keizai*, must be the maintenance of order and the guarantee of security to life and property for so long as Manchuria is in an unsettled state, as in the present conditions nobody can engage in peaceful pursuits with a sense of security. If it is necessary to enforce Japan's suzerainty in Manchuria for this purpose it should be done without any hesitation. It is not at all improbable that this may cause a dispute with China, but Japan must not vacillate. She must have recourse to high-handed policy if it is necessary. As it is, very little is done by Japan towards the development of Manchuria and the territory is at present very sparsely populated and is not in a position to carry on trade and industry actively. The total population south of Chungchun, which may be regarded as Japan's sphere of influence, does not exceed eight millions at the most. That the present condition of Manchuria is not ripe for commerce and industry will be evident from the extreme paucity of its population. In these circumstances it must follow as an inevitable conclusion that the development of Manchuria lies in the agriculture. Manchuria in this respect offers vast possibilities. Not only are there extensive tracts of fertile land to be cultivated but a great increase of production may be obtained by the introduction of improvements on the land already under cultivation. It would not be very difficult to convert Manchuria, under proper management, into a great agricultural province and to obtain three or five times the amount at present produced. To do this, however, it would be necessary to give those who engage in agriculture the right of ownership in the land.

Despite this fact, continues the *Toyo Keizai*, Manchuria, except the leased territory in the Liaotung Peninsula, is entirely under the administration of China. Even in the districts along the South Manchuria Railway line, where the Japanese military guards are stationed, so unsettled is the state of affairs prevailing—similar to that existing before the war—that the security of life and property can hardly be relied upon. Nothing can be done in existing circumstances, nor can the development of agriculture in Manchuria be expected from Chinese; it must be effected by Japanese. To do this, however, it is necessary, as already pointed out, to allow Japanese the right to own land in Manchuria. As it is, the Chinese authorities not only prohibit the ownership of land by aliens, but place obstacles even against the use of the land. This is interesting in view of the attitude taken up by Japan on the question of the ownership of land by aliens. In such circumstances the development of Manchuria can scarcely be expected. More than a year has elapsed since the incorporation of the South Manchurian Railway Company, but it has practically done nothing towards the development of Manchuria. Japan is incurring a large expenditure in Manchuria, but there is no sure prospect of obtaining a return for the investment.

The complete restoration of order and the acquisition of the right to use the land are of primary and absolute importance for the opening of the resources of Manchuria, continues the *Toyo Keizai*. Probably China will not so easily acquiesce in these proposals, but Japan should obtain her consent at all costs. Otherwise there is no object in Japan holding Manchuria. China should be approached in these matters and her agreement obtained, if necessary, by pressure brought to bear on her government, however reluctant Japan may be to have recourse to such measures. In saying this, it is not implied that Japan should introduce an exclusive monopoly in Manchuria, which should remain open to all comers. But it must be remembered that so long as Japan remains the paramount Power in Manchuria it is inevitable that Japan should occupy a more advantageous position than other nations. Now that Count Komura has accepted the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, concludes the *Toyo Keizai*, it is to be hoped that he will devote his attention to finding a satisfactory solution of the Manchurian question.

PANAMA CANAL STORY

Paris, Dec. 22.—In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama canal purchase, M. Lemarque, the receiver of the old company, who hitherto has declined to be interviewed, made the following statement today: "While I do not desire to go into details or particular in the polemic now raging in America, I do not hesitate, in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an American syndicate to which the purchase money is supposed eventually to have gone, as a fable, invented of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court, it would be improper for me to say more. Both tradition and practice make it impossible for me to disclose the list of individual bondholders to whom the money was distributed."

Another authority asserts that the American interest in the canal was comparatively insignificant, being confined practically to a single New York banker, whose holdings long anticipated the project of the American purchase. He estimated the amount that went to America as well below \$500,000.

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OAKLAND RACES

Results of Yesterday's California Track Events—Entries for Today

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—The results of today's races follow: First—1, St. Francis; 2, Lady Carroll; 3, Duke of Orleans.

Second—1, Yankee Daughter; 2, Comer; 3, Alisan Ben.

Third—1, Fullota; 2, Buckwood; 3, Col. White.

Fourth—1, Capt. Kennedy; 2, Estella C.; Billy Pullman.

Fifth—1, Katie Powers; 2, Milan; 3, Dundom.

Sixth—1, Bubbling Water; 2, Apto Oro; 3, Hannah Louisa.

The entries for today's races follows:

First race, sell, Futurity course—Joe Grampy, Lochinvar, Col. Hackett, Gary.

Second race, sell, Futurity course—Otoyo, Bishop W. Stroke, Panatik, Light Knight, Galindo, Don Juan, Fanuil Hall, Inventive, Assay, Footloose, Harry, Rodgers.

Third race, sell, 3/4 mile—Sir Brillar, Grampy, Bishop, Queen Wilma, Yukama, Belle, Who, Myrtle, Judge Cronin, Smiling Jim, R. M. Brown.

Fourth race, sell, 1 1/2 miles—Sir Brillar, Grampy, Bishop, Queen Wilma, Yukama, Belle, Who, Myrtle, Judge Cronin, Smiling Jim, R. M. Brown.

Fifth race, sell, 1 1/2 miles—Cloverland, Invader, L. C. Akeley, My Pal, Bellmence, Orchid, Paladin, Chink, Hedrick, Garganta, Carmelina, Pr., or Orange, Expectant.

Sixth race, purse, one mile—Downpatrick, Col. Jack, Ocean Shore, Grace G., Cloudlight, Darlington, Berrymaid.

Virden Election

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The writ for the bye-election in Virden made necessary by the death of Hon. J. H. Agnew, provincial treasurer, was issued today by the clerk of the executive council. The election will take place on January 9, with the nomination one week earlier.

Hudson Bay Boat Wrecked

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The commissioner of the Hudson Bay Company has received information that the company's barque Stork, recently reported from London as overdue from James Bay, was wrecked at Lisbon shoals in Hudson's Bay. The crew and passengers were saved and are all well at Moose Factory. The captain of the Stork has reached the railway line, and is now proceeding to London.

MISSOURI STRIKES AT OIL MONOPOLY

Subsidiaries of Standard Are to Cease Business in the State

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, the Republic Oil Co., of Ohio, and the Waters Pierce Oil Co., of Missouri, had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in Missouri, the state supreme court today issued a decree ousting all three concerns from the commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each. The decree against the Waters Pierce Co. is strengthened by a proviso that it may continue in business, if, by January 15, 1909, it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate as an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1909, to wind up their affairs in the state.

The decision, which was unanimous on the part of the seven judges, is so sweeping that Attorney-General Hadley and Governor Folk held it as the end of all illegal combinations in Missouri, and the former asserts that, in conjunction with the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Tobacco Trust case, it will affect similar suits in other states.

In the principal opinion, Judge Woodson says: "This record abounds in instances where this unlawful combination has withered the energies of competitors, blighted individual investments in legitimate business, driven small and honest dealers out of business for themselves and made them the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the trusts. It has reduced the price of petroleum and at the same time has raised the cost of various finished products thereof, to the great detriment of the producers of the raw material and to the consumer of the manufactured products thereof."

The action in reference to the Waters Pierce Company is taken, the opinion states, in order to protect the minority stockholders, who "objected to entering and becoming members of the so-called oil trust, and did everything within their power to prevent the same and exerted every influence within their command to act independently of it, but to no avail."

Supposed Train Robber

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who with a companion robbed the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Rondo, Mont., on Sept. 9th, 1907, of about \$40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Rewards aggregating \$13,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

Dynamiter's Sentence

Oakland, Calif., Dec. 23.—Peter Claudians today was found guilty of dynamiting the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases. Claudians was sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes, and reached a verdict on the first ballot. Claudians waived appeal and started for San Quentin tonight.

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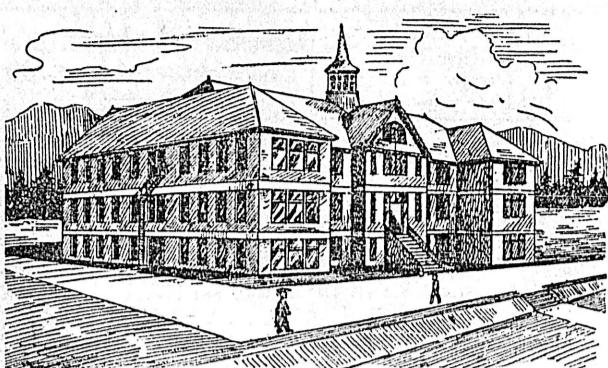
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Measure Point Out Diffi-
culties

OWNERS RAISE PROTEST

Resolutions Adopted By Them
in Recent Gathering—
Claim it Unfair

By Timothy J. O'Connor.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—Mr. Birrell, chief
secretary for Ireland, has written a
letter to S. H. Butcher, M.P., in re-
ply to a speech made by the latter at
Cork recently, on the attitude of the
government toward the question of
land purchase. In the course of his
letter Mr. Birrell says that Mr. Butcher
complained that the government was
showing a desire, if not actually
declaring an intention to get out of
and withdraw from some "bargain" or
compact," or "treaty of peace," which
is embodied in the Land Purchase act
of 1903. The only bargain he can rec-
ognize and the only bargain to which
appeal can be made is the act itself.
It is part of the bargain that if stock
is issued at a discount in order to raise
money for Irish land purchase, the
resulting charges will fall on the
guarantee fund, which means upon the
Irish ratepayers, when the develop-
ment fund is exhausted, and the most
the government has done is out of
consideration for the ratepayers to de-
clare that readjustment is inevitable
and must be attempted. It is neither
more nor less than a calumny to say
that the government seek to go back
upon the Act of 1903. The only possi-
ble complaint that can be made
against the treasury is that it has not
sanctioned a staff large enough to
carry out transactions at a greater
speed than is represented by \$25,000,-
000 worth of land in each year. This
was the rate contemplated by Mr.
Wyndham for the first three years
and though he expressed the hope that
the pace might be quickened at time
went on, hopes are no part of a "bar-
gain," "compact," or "treaty of peace."
He shares Mr. Wyndham's hope and
has arranged with the treasury for
such an increase of staff as will en-
able the land commission to proceed a
little faster. But, he asks, what
would have been the loss on flotation
if the staff has been large enough to
demand from the treasury during the
last three years \$200,000,000 to be
raised on the issue of land stock, the
whole of which, after the exhaustion
of the development grant, would have
fallen upon the ratepayers? It is
somewhat lightly said that if the gov-
ernment cannot get the money by the
issue of land stock, they must get it in
some other way. None of the schemes
proposed offer any certainty, or even
probability, of success, and it is doubt-
ful whether they are consistent with
the terms of purchase laid down in
the act. The act of 1903 requires im-
portant amendment, and it is the in-
tention of the government during the
autumn session to introduce a bill
which will give Parliament an
opportunity of considering these
amendments.

Butcher's Reply.

Mr. Butcher, M.P., addressed the
following reply to Mr. Birrell: "My
dear Birrell, I have been away from
home, and only this morning has your
letter of October 5 reached me. You
reprimand me sharply for a speech I
made on land purchase at the Cork
meeting on October 1, and some of the
remarks I made on that occasion seem
to you to contain neither more nor
less than a calumny of the govern-
ment. Will you permit me to call atten-
tion to what I actually said? Some
previous speakers had used the words
"bargain," "contract," "compact," to
describe the arrangement the state
had made for carrying out land pur-
chase on the present terms by means
of imperial credit. I guarded myself
against using precisely that language,
and the only strict bargain is, as you
say in your letter, that which is con-
tained in the sections of the act itself,
and so I drew a deduction that the
government is now guilty of what
some would call a breach of faith. I
do not know whether it is technically
a breach of faith, but of this I am sure,
that it is a repudiation of an honor-
able understanding and engagement.
To that view I adhere. That certain
amendments in the act are necessary
no one denies. For instance, accord-
ing to the letter of the act, as you
yourself reminded me, the losses on
floatation fall on the ratepayers of Ire-
land. By common consent this must
be altered. The prime minister him-
self has said that "nobody contem-
plated that the losses should fall on
the rates." The need of readjustment
is here admitted; it is not on this
point that any issue is raised; it is
elsewhere that the difference arises.
What I laid stress on was that there
is an obligation of honor resting on
the state, as distinct from any strict
"bargain" which can be enforced in a
court of law. The act gave embodiment
to a great and far-reaching policy.
It contained an implied promise
that, so long as landlords and ten-
ants agreed under certain cardinal
conditions as to the price, the state
would advance the purchase money.
It was, I observed, a great venture,
but it was made for a great object.
The state undertook that policy know-
ing what it was about, and every man
at that time was convinced that once
undertaken the state meant to carry
it through."

Delay Means Disaster.

"Turning to the position of affairs
at present, I said, 'Delay now means
disaster; to suspend the course of land
purchase now is to wreck the policy.
There are 45 millions' worth of agree-
ments made for land purchase. Is it
rational to ask us to hold these over
for 10 or 15 years? If the state did
make a saving in this respect it would
lose ten times over in the unrest and
dissent of Ireland.' Such was the
gist of the speech. I see nothing to
explain away or withdraw. I have no
desire to carry on a party controversy.
The case is too grave for that. I will
merely repeat words which I used at
Cork—that 'it would be an act of
political folly on the part of the gov-
ernment to withdraw imperial credit
at this crisis and allow land purchase
to fail just because it has been too
successful.' The closing paragraph of
your letter leads me to hope that you

are as deeply convinced of this fact
as I am. Yours very truly,
"S. H. Butcher."

Land Owners Protest

The twenty-third annual meeting of
the Irish Land Owners' Convention
was held at 95 Dawson street, Dublin.
Lord Clonbrock presided in the ab-
sence of the Duke of Abercorn, and
there was a large attendance.

Lord Clonbrock, in opening the pro-
ceedings, said that the first subject to
which he wished to allude was the
great delay and uncertainty in the ad-
ministration of the Land Act, both
from financial difficulties and from
delay in procedure. The committee
in their report had refrained from ex-
pressing any definite opinion upon
these matters, but it was plain that
delays in procedure were most injur-
ious, not only to the position of the
landlords, but also to that of pur-
chasing tenants; and, further, delays
were injurious because of the state of
uncertainty and unrest created in
the country. For that reason he had
read with interest the report of the
great meeting held lately in Cork, at
which men of the most opposite polit-
ical opinions were able to meet to-
gether in pursuance of an object which
they rightly held to be conducive to
the interests of the whole country.
There was great work still before the
committee and for the consideration
of the convention. They had heard
that legislation was to be introduced
amending the Act of 1903, and he
trusted that the convention would
hold, with the committee, that any
departure from the principles of that
Act would have a most disastrous
effect, more especially if it followed
the lines laid down by the Royal Com-
mission on Congestion.

A subject to which the attention of
the Courts had been continually di-
rected was the disturbed state of
great portions of the country. There
was an increasing number of out-
rages in eight counties, as their re-
port showed, and it also showed the
extreme futility of the steps taken by
the government to cope with them.
They were told that Ireland offered
a cheerful prospect, but those who
said so must be very easily satisfied.

Resolutions Adopted

The O'Conor Don proposed the fol-
lowing resolutions which were car-
ried unanimously:—(1) That, in
cases where landlords have sold their
estates under the Purchase Acts on
the faith of being paid for them in
cash within a reasonable time, we
protest against their being asked to
accept any other arrangement, as it
either implies that Parliament has en-
tered into contracts which it is unable
to fulfill, or that the State no longer
regards its contracts from the high
standpoint of national honor which
has always attached to the name of
the United Kingdom in financial mat-
ters; (2) That, if financial difficulties
render it impossible that speedy pay-
ment in cash should be provided, it
becomes the duty of the government
to propose an equivalent; (3) That,
if the final payment of the purchase
money cannot be greatly expedited, we
most strongly urge on the government
that it would be only reasonable that
such alterations in the existing pro-
cedure should be made as would enable
temporary loans at 3½ per cent.
to be made by the government to ven-
dors to pay off mortgages and other
charges.

The report of the Executive Commit-
tee states that during the first six
months of this year there were 418
cattle drives, 75 cases of firing into
houses and at persons, 98 prosecu-
tions with 13 convictions, 258 claims

for malicious injuries allowed, and
\$60,800 awarded.

BALZAC SOUVENIRS

A Museum Specially Devoted to Sou-
venirs of the Writer

Paris, Dec. 23.—Admirers of Balzac
who come to Paris will hereafter have
an opportunity of visiting a museum
specially devoted to souvenirs of the
writer. It consists of the quaint old
house and garden in the Rue Ray-
nard, at No. 47, which he inhabited
many years, and where he wrote a
number of his best works. Curiously
enough, the house recalls one of the
most difficult periods to an alarming
extent. He selected the house, it is
stated, purposely as a sort of harbor
of refuge from duns. It has no direct
entrance from the Rue Raynard, and
one has first to pass through the
hall of another house and go down
two flights of stairs to a courtyard
below. The house, which is a small
building, and which the French would
only call a "pavilion," is entered from
the courtyard, and has a little garden
at the back. At one side of the gar-
den there is a steep wall, down the
side of the hill, giving the place the
appearance of a little fortress. The
museum is at present only in an in-
cipient stage, with scarcely more than
a dozen articles which belonged to the
author, but in time it will, no doubt,
increase in importance.

THE "LYING CLOCKS" OF LONDON DISCUSSED

Efforts Will Be Made to Secure
Uniformity of
Time

London, Dec. 23.—The "Lying
Clocks" of London were the subject of
a spirited correspondence in the early
part of the year. At that time the
arguments for and against the syn-
chronization were fully discussed, and
it was suggested that the most ef-
fectual method of securing uniformity
would be to induce authorities like the
Local Government Board and the
London County Council to take action in
the matter. Sir John Cockburn's asser-
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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

(Continued.)

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GENERAL ENGRAVER and Stencil Cutter. Geo. Crowther, 12 Wharf street, opposite Post Office.

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BEFORE BUYING OR SELLING timber in B. C. call and see my list comprising more than 100 items. The best proposal aggregating a total cut twenty-five million (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Frampton, Mahon Bldg., Victoria, B.C. Phone 1658.

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STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING—19,000 feet of floor space. Apply W. W. Duncan, 535 Yates. P. O. Box 179.

MRS. NEWTON, (of the Cosy Corner Tea Rooms) has opened an employment bureau for all classes of labor, including a department for rooms and board; 9 to 11 a.m. 2 to 2.30 p.m., 616 Fort street.

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FIRE FOSTER, 42½ Johnson street. Tel. A1182. Furs bought.

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PIONEER COFFEE & SPICE MILLS, Ltd., Pembroke street, Victoria, Telephone 597.

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B.C. FUNERAL FURNISHING CO., 52 Government street. Tel. 48, 505, 404.

Our experienced, certificated staff available day or night. Chas. Hayward, Pres. F. Caselton, Manager.

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DETECTIVES

B. C. DETECTIVE SERVICE, Vancouver. Civil, Criminal, commercial investigations. H. S. Burton, Superintendent. Head office, room 6 and 7, Molson's Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C. Phone B3029.

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CALIFORNIA HOTEL—19 Johnson St., newly fitted up from bottom to top, good accommodation, sports gallery comprising life-size photos of all the noted sports and athletes up to the present day. Bath always supplied with best goods. Thos. L. McNamee, proprietor.

FOR SALE—RESIDENCES

FOR SALE—New 8-room house, every convenience, best locality; five minutes walk from P. O., \$4,250. Apply Owner, Drawer 757, Victoria, P. O. 020

FOR SALE—PROPERTY

FOR SALE—New 5-roomed cottage, modern, with basement and attic, near Pandora; newly furnished with piano and everything convenient for house-keeping. A snap. Apply Box 420, Colonist.

FOR SALE—Cottage, 4 rooms, bath room and all modern improvements. New and unoccupied. Sea view, close tram line. Apply Owner, Box 342 Colonist. 015

WANTED—TO PURCHASE

WANTED—Cheap for cash; express wagon plow, hand cultivator, hand seeder and large sized tent. Box 71, Colonist. 023

VANCOUVER

HOTEL DOMINION—When you arrive at Vancouver take large auto bus, which will take you to this hotel free. Our service is the best obtainable at the price. American plan, \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day. Auto makes one trip daily around Stanley Park. R. Baynes, proprietor.

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The most convenient to business centre, theatres, warhouses and depots. Recently renovated and reconstructed. American and European plan. The place to meet your up-country friends. Geo. Howe, proprietor.

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MRS. E. R. ROBERTS—Manufacturing and repairing furs. Room 50, Five Sisters Block. Phone 1766. 010

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E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and agricultural implements. Corner of Johnson and Government streets.

THE HICKMAN TYE HARDWARE CO., Ltd.—Iron, Steel, Hardware, Cutlery, 30 and 34 Yates street, Victoria, B.C.

JUNK

BRASS, Copper, Bottles, Sacks, and Junk wanted. Victoria Junkt Agency, 1620 Store street. Phone 1336.

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LITHOGRAPHING, ENGRAVING AND EMBOSSED—Nothing too large and nothing too small; our stationery is your advance agent; our work is unequalled west of Toronto. The Colonist Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.

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A.O.F. Court Northern Light, No. 5935. Meets at K. of P. Hall, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Secretary.

K. of P., No. 1, Far West Lodge, Friday K. of P. Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora streets. H. Weber, K. of R. and S. Box 541.

SONS OF ENGLAND, B.S., Alexandra Lodge, 1116, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, K. of P. Hall, W. H. Clarendon, Pres.; J. Critchley, Sec.



NOTICE
Legislative Assembly
PRIVATE BILLS.
Except from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

HEAVY TRANSACTIONS IN THE BOND MARKET

Feature of Exchange Business
—New Issues Promptly
Taken Up

New York, Dec. 23.—The speculative community remained convinced that important amalgamations and consolidations in railroad corporations. The purchase of control of the Colorado and Southern by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy had marked influence today, and there is continued circulation of rumors as to possible further mergers and absorptions.

The market was quiet at times, owing to the reactionary tendency of some of the minor stocks which figured most prominently in the rumors of yesterday. The usual favored mediums for speculative activity also were belated in their response to the upward movement, and were for sale in some cases.

It was noticeable also that the speculation in progress in bonds of a class which might be lifted from a condition of doubtful security under the separate control of smaller financial organizations into a higher grade security with the companies' affairs in control of powerful corporations of financial credit.

It is in this anomalous transaction in bonds of that class which have swelled the volume of the bond market for two days past to almost record proportions.

The speculative element in these dealings was plainly manifested in the violent reactions which occurred today. In the previous same period, it rose more yesterday, the price movement being quite as wide in some of these cases as in the shares. At the same time the investment demand for first-class bonds continues excellent, and the ready absorption of new bond issues as fast as they are offered constitutes one of the chief favorable conditions of the present financial situation.

These large issues are mailing serious burdens on the cash holdings of the banks. Today's sub-treasury operations disclosed a withdrawal of \$2,584,000 from the banks, undoubtedly due to a further payment of subscriptions to the Panama Canal. There is still a lag off in the demand for time loans and an unwillingness to pay the current rates asked which argues an expectation that easier terms will be procurable after the turn of the year.

Examples of the day's movements were those in Brooklyn Transit, on the part of the stockholders of the dividend declaration, increasing and in Bethlehem Steel, on a story that Andrew Carnegie would resume active business by taking part in its affairs. The market showed no aspect at any time of what is called holiday dullness, today's business proving a large one both in stocks and bonds.

Bonds were irregular. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.
(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Closing	High	Low	Bid	Asked
Allis-Chalmers	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/4		
do pfd	49 1/2	49 1/4	49 1/4		
Amal. Copper	81 1/4	81 1/2	81 1/2		
Am. Car. Fly.	47 1/2	47	47		
Am. Can. Oil	13 3/4	12 1/4	12 1/4		
Amer. Loco	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2		
do pfd	110				
Amer. Smelt.	84 1/4	80 1/4	80 1/4		
do pfd	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2		
Amer. Sugar	129 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2		
do pfd	123				
Amer. Tel.	128 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2		
Amer. Wooden	29 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2		
do pfd	95 1/2				
Anaconda	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2		
Atlantic Coast	107 1/2				
Atchison	97 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2		
do pfd	102				
B. and O.	169 1/2	169 1/2	169 1/2		
B. R. T.	68	67	67		
C. C. G. and S. L.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2		
C. P. R.	176 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2		
C. and O.	59 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2		
C. and G. W.	13 1/2	11	11		
do pfd A.	38 1/2	36	37		
do pfd B.	16 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2		
C. and N. W.	175 1/2	175 1/2	175 1/2		
C. M. and S. P.	148 1/2	146 1/2	145 1/2		
do pfd	132 1/2				
Cent. Leather	31 1/2	30 1/2	31		
do pfd	101 1/2				
C. F. and I.	39 1/2	38 1/4	39 1/2		
do pfd	55 1/2				
C. Northern	57 1/2	56 1/2	57		
do pfd	18 1/2				
Com. Gas	162 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2		
Corn Products	17 1/2				
do pfd	73				
D. and H.	179 1/2				
D. and R. G.	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2		
Distillers	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2		
Erie	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2		
do pfd	49 1/2				
F. and G.	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2		
G. Gen. Elec.	158 1/2	157 1/2	157 1/2		
Gt. Nor. Ore. etfs.	74	73	73		
G. Northern	145 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2		
Illino. Central	147	146 1/2	146 1/2		
Int. Met.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2		
do pfd	174 1/2				
Int. Paper	12	11 1/2	11 1/2		
Int. Pump.	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2		
do pfd	82 1/2				
Iowa Central	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2		
L. and N. P.	122 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2		
Mackay	7	7	7		
Met. St. Ry.	153 1/2	152	152		
Mexican Cent.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2		
M. S. P. S. S. M.	12 1/2	13 1	13 1		
do pfd	151 1/2				
N. Y. O. and W.	46	45 1/2	45 1/2		
Northern Pac.	141 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2		
O. K. Con.	110				
O. P. Paul	1	0	0		
Panhandle Smelter	63				
Rex	42	42	42		
do pfd	99 1/2				
Reading	140 1/2	135 1/2	140 1/2		
do 2s pfd	91 1/2				
Rep. Steel	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2		
Rock Island	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2		
do pfd	67 1/2				
Sloss Steel	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2		
Southern Pac.	119 1/2	118 1/2	119 1/2		
do pfd	122 1/2				
Tenn. Copper	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2		
Texas Pacific	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2		
Third Ave.	38	37 1/2	37 1/2		
T. S. L. and W.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2		
do pfd	70 1/2				
Twinn City	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2		
Union Pacific	181 1/2	179 1/2	181 1/2		
U. S. Cast. I. Pipe	29	28 1/2	28 1/2		
U. S. Steel	54 1/2	53 1/2	54 1/2		
Utah Copper	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2		
Virginia Chem.	45 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2		
Wabash	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2		
do pfd	51 1/2	49	49		
Western Union	86 1/2	85 1/2	86		
Wisconsin Cent.	33 1/2	31 1/2	32		
do pfd	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2		
Southern Ry.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2		
K. C. Southern	39 1/2	38 1/2	39 1/2		
do pfd	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2		
Money on call	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2		
Total sales	1,288,700	1,288,700	1,288,700		

vests, seems unable to check. Although wheat stocks at Minneapolis increased 400,000 bushels for four days the wheat market was strong. Primary receipts fell just under the 400,000 bushels mark for the day. Durbin had but twenty-five cars and reported fair export inquiry. Minneapolis leaders were predicting that the market would disappear early next month that market was likely to show a big lead over Chicago. December wheat again led in strength, indicating a short cash wheat situation and believe it a good lead to follow.

Corn—Some of the big people who have been selling corn for two weeks past evidently have heard from the country and discovered that offerings from first hands are very limited since the drop in prices.

The Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close. May 106 1/2 106 1/4 105 1/2 106 1/2 June 98 1/2 98 1/4 97 1/2 98 1/2 July 95 1/2 95 1/4 94 1/2 95 1/2 Sept. 90 1/2 90 1/4 89 1/2 90 1/2 Oats—

May 51 1/2 51 1/4 51 1/2 51 1/2 June 46 1/2 46 1/4 46 1/2 46 1/2 July 40 1/2 40 1/4 40 1/2 40 1/2

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

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Stock—Bid. Asked. Adventure 09 1/2 09 1/2 Arcadian 03 1/2 03 1/2 Boston Cos. 13 1/2 13 1/2 Central Coal 02 1/2 02 1/2 Calumet and Arizona 11 1/2 11 1/2 Centennial 31 1/2 32 1/2 Copper Range 80 1/2 81 Copper 10 1/2 10 1/2 Davis-Daly 03 1/2 03 1/2 Eastern 03 1/2 03 1/2 Elkhorn National 10 1/2 10 1/2 Grandy 10 1/2 10 1/2 Gossamer 12 1/2 12 1/2 Greene Cananea 11 1/2 11 1/2 Hancock 12 1/2 12 1/2 Helvetica 04 1/2 04 1/2 Hill Royal 12 1/2 12 1/2 Hill-Sale 14 1/2 14 1/2 Bay State Gas 81 1/2 82 Mass 12 1/2 12 1/2 Miami 12 1/2 12 1/2 Nevada-Utah 03 1/2 03 1/2 Niobrara 13 1/2 13 1/2 Ontario 13 1/2 13 1/2 Yukon 04 1/2 04 1/2

VANCOUVER STOCK MARKET.

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Listed Stocks—Bid. Asked.

Alberta Coal and Coke 08 10 1/2

Burton Saw Works 75 76

Int. Coal and Coke Co. 75 76

Imperial Trust Co. 106

Portland Canal 07 09

Western Oil 70 100

Unlisted 100

Alberta Coal 12 1/2 13

Parrot Mining 23 24

Missoula Copper 93 94

Shannon Copper 17 18

Superior and Pittsburg 16 17

Superior and Boston 15 16

Tamarack 13 14

Royal Collieries 35 36

Royal Col

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY

Some Wonderful Values Offered

Only one day left in which to sell all Toys, all Xmas Books, all Xmas Slippers, all Xmas China, all Pictures, all Fancy Boxed Candy, all Fancy Baskets, all Fancy Leather Goods, also splendid opportunities to purchase Gift Furniture at unusual prices. See the SPECIAL TABLES of all kinds of XMAS GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES for this morning at 8.30 a.m. You will get the best bargains by shopping early.

Xmas Eve Sale of Slippers

If you have delayed making your slipper selections, here's a chance to buy what you want considerably below the regular price. Tonight we will clear out a big lot of Fancy Xmas Slippers.

COMFY SLIPPERS—One of the newest slippers for the Xmas season is the Comfy felt mocassin slipper made of heavy felt, with leather covered, pure carded wool soles, cushion heels. Come in pale blue, black, brown and red. Reg. \$2.00 and \$2.25. Tonight **\$1.50**

BALANCE OF INDIAN MOCASSIN SLIPPERS, fur bound, undressed kid, of genuine Indian manufacture:

Ladies' and Gents', reg. \$2.00. Tonight **\$1.50**
Infants', tonight **.75c**
Children's, tonight, \$1.00 and **.125**

MEN'S SUPERIOR QUALITY VICI KID OPERA CUT SLIPPERS, black and tan, reg. \$2.50. Tonight **\$1.75**

MEN'S SUÈDE CALF OPERA CUT SLIPPER, American manufacture, hand turned soles, tonight **\$3.50**

WOMEN'S WHITE KID, strap slippers, turn soles, tonight **\$1.75**

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT, or Vici Kid Pumps, hand turned soles, Cuban or French heels. Tonight, \$3.50, \$3.00 and **\$2.50**

Hair Brushes at Special Prices Today

We have just received a consignment of Hair Brushes, popular-priced ones, that should have been here long ago. We have marked them very close to insure selling them in the limited time that we have left.

HAIR BRUSHES, with light and black backs. Extra special values at 50c, 35c and **.25c**

HAIR BRUSHES, with rosewood backs. Special value at **\$1.00**

METALLIC HAIR BRUSHES, specially priced at 50c, 25c and **.15c**

CLEAN-OUT OF TOYS

All Toys must be sold today. Prices like these will certainly move them out quickly. On sale this morning at 8.30 o'clock.

HORSES AND RIGS

HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$4.75. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$3.50
HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$5.00. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$3.75
HORSES AND RIGS, regular \$7.50. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$4.50
HORSES AND RIGS, regular price \$10.00. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$6.75

TWO ELECTRIC RAILWAYS, were \$8.50. This morning 8.30 a.m., each	\$4.50
TWO IRISH MAIL TANDEM, regular \$12.50. This morning 8.30 a.m., each	\$9.50

ALL ANIMALS, such as Sheep, Dogs, Goats, Camels, Lions, Bears, Cows, etc., half price. One large Sheep, regular price, \$9.50, 8.30 this morning	\$4.75
ONE LARGE SHEEP, was \$8.50. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$4.25

DRESSED DOLLS

DRESSED DOLLS, worth up to \$2.00. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$1.00
DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$2.50. This morning at 8.30 a.m.	\$1.50
DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$4.50. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$2.50
DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$5.75. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$3.50
DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$10.00. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$4.50
DRESSED DOLLS, regular \$15.00. This morning 8.30 a.m.	\$7.50

TIN HORSES, regular 50c, this morning 8.30 a.m.25c
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SANTA CLAUS, regular 25c, this morning 8.30 a.m.10c
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WONDER GUN FOR BOYS, shoots rubber balls, regular 75c, this morning 8.30 a.m.50c
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Have You Got Presents for Everybody?



If Not, There is Still Time

Today in the China Dept.

We intend making today a record one in the China Department. The various special tables will be loaded down with splendid values. Articles will be offered at prices today that formerly brought much more, in some case twice what is now asked. This is in keeping with our policy of offering bargains on Christmas Goods before the holiday rather than after.

We have tables of special values in China, running from near the main stairway right into the annex. The tables offering the best bargains are the popular priced ones at \$1.00, .75c, .50c and **.25c**

Today in the Book Dept.

If price will do it, we intend making a clean sweep in this department. Christmas Books for Children, Toy Books and other Fancy Books for juveniles, Gift Books for adults, Christmas Calendars and Cards, in fact everything of that kind will be offered at special prices.

It would make too long a list to mention all here, but advise strongly that you watch the special tables. They will contain goods at prices not offered before. We will have a particularly strong lot of values on sale this morning at 8.30. Special tables at 15c, 25c, 50c and **.75c**

Women's Wool Shawls

These Shawls make splendid gifts, always being a comfortable reminder of the giver. We have all sizes, weights and colors, such as white, grey, black, red and cream. A big assortment of prices, starting at **.75c**

POPULAR PRICED GIFTS FOR EVERY ONE

Prices Range from 25c and Upwards

At 25c

FANCY CHINA
CHILDREN'S BOOKS
WOMEN'S WOOLLEN GLOVES
WOMEN'S CASHMERE GLOVES
WOMEN'S NECKWEAR
WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
FANCY GIFT BOOKS
BOOKS FOR BOYS
BOOKS FOR GIRLS
CHRISTMAS CALENDARS
CHILDREN'S WOOLLEN GLOVES
WOMEN'S HOSIERY
CHILDREN'S HOSIERY
WOMEN'S BELTS
FANCY BROOCHES
BOXED STATIONERY
PICTURES
PERFUMERY
HAT PINS
MEN'S NECKTIES
MEN'S SOX
MEN'S BRACES
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
BABY'S BOOTEES
BABY'S BIBS
POCKET KNIVES
WOMEN'S APRONS
CHILDREN'S PINAFORES

At 50c

FINE LINEN TOWELS
BABY'S BIBS
WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
POCKET KNIVES

At 75c

BEAUTIFUL CHINA
FANCY SLIPPERS
FLANNELETTE BLOUSES
WOOLEN SHAWLS
WOMEN'S APRONS
BOY'S KID GLOVES
CHILDREN'S BOOKS
BOXED STATIONERY
BOXES OF SOAP

At 75c

PERFUMERY
WOMEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR
WOMEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
BOOKS OF ALL KINDS
MEN'S FANCY BRACES
WHITE UNDERSKIRTS
WOMEN'S BELTS
CHILDREN'S DRESSES
MEN'S NECKWEAR
MEN'S FANCY SOX
MEN'S GLOVES
WOMEN'S FANCY HOSIERY
CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES
FANCY BOXES OF CANDY
WOMEN'S APRONS
CHILDREN'S PINAFORES
POCKET KNIVES

At \$1.00

HANDSOME CHINA
WOOLEN SHAWLS
FANCY WAISTS
CHILDREN'S DRESSES
WOMEN'S CORSETS
NEW WHITEWEAR
WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS
MEN'S UMBRELLAS
CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS
FANCY BOXED STATIONERY
WOMEN'S FANCY NECKWEAR
BEAUTIFUL BOOKS
FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS
WOMEN'S KID GLOVES
BOY'S KID GLOVES
MEN'S NECKWEAR
MEN'S MUFFLERS

At \$1.00

MEN'S SHIRTS
MEN'S FANCY BRACES
LINEN NAPKINS
FANCY SLIPPERS
CHRISTMAS CALENDARS
FANCY APRONS
CHILDREN'S PINAFORES
WOMEN'S OVERALLS
MEN'S FANCY SOX

At \$1.50

MEN'S KID GLOVES
WOMEN'S KID GLOVES
MEN'S UMBRELLAS
WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS

At \$1.50

LACE HANDKERCHIEFS
LEATHER HAND BAGS
SILK HOSIERY
FANCY WAISTS
SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS
WOOL SHAWLS
CORSETS
MEN'S NECKWEAR
MEN'S MUFFLERS
MEN'S SHIRTS
MEN'S SWEATERS
MEN'S FANCY BRACES
GIFT BOOKS
LEATHER BIBLES
BOY'S SWEATERS
LINEN TOWELS
TABLE LINEN
LINEN NAPKINS
FANCY CHINA
FANCY LAMPS
SPLENDID CUTLERY
CHILDREN'S DRESSES
DAINTY WHITEWEAR
FANCY NECKWEAR

At \$2.00

BEAUTIFUL CHINA
THE NICEST BOOKS
WOMEN'S GLOVES
MEN'S GLOVES
LACE HANDKERCHIEFS
DINTY NECKWEAR
WOOLEN SHAWLS
CHILDREN'S COATS
CHILDREN'S DRESSES
WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS
DAINTY WHITEWEAR
LEATHER HAND BAGS
SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS
HAND MIRRORS
FANCY BASKETS
MEN'S SWEATERS
FANCY MUFFLERS
FANCY VESTS
LINEN TABLE CLOTHS
LINEN NAPKINS
FANCY LINENS
GOOD CUTLERY
FANCY SLIPPERS
CHRISTMAS CALENDARS

See Broad Street Windows for Xmas Gift Suggestions in Furniture

CAKE STANDS, each \$1.75, \$2.50, and **\$4.75**
TABOURETTE in Early English oak **\$4.50**
DUTCH PICTURES **\$2.50**
MUSIC CABINET, in the Golden oak **\$7.50**
DUTCH PIPE RACKS **\$2.50**
SMOKERS' HANGING WALL CABINETS **\$5.00**
TABLE BOOK RACKS, \$1.00 and **\$3.00**
EARLY ENGLISH OAK TABOURETTE **\$5.50**
NEST OF TABOURETTES **\$7.50**
UMBRELLA STAND **\$5.50**
BIRCH MAHOGANY MUSIC CABINET **\$6.00**
BIRCH MAHOGANY PARLOR TABLE **\$7.00**
PARLOR TABLE in golden oak **\$7.00**
MAHOGANY CENTRE TABLE, each **\$7.00**
RECEPTION CHAIR in mahogany **\$12.00**
TABOURETTE in Early English oak **\$4.50**
PARLOR CABINET, in mahogany, each **\$12.00**
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